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Samuel Merrill who kept this diary from 1799 to 1849 was born in Boston and came to Biddeford at the age of 23. when he bought 3 mills of Samuel Boardboury on the Biddeford shore of the Saco River from about Elm street to Thacher's Creek. One of the mills was a saw-mill, another a grist mill, the third a fulling mill.

Two years later he married Boardbury's daughter, Sarah Boardbury and thereafter was active with his father-in-law in the lumber and shipping trade.

His spelling, as was often the case then, was amusingly phonetic — e.g. halling for hauling — but the picture he gives, and the wide range of local and national news he reports, make his diary an unusual record of Biddeford and rural Maine life.

He died in Biddeford August 2, 1845 at 69, having been born August 29, 1776 in the month after the Declaration of Independence

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MERRILL DIARY

1799
June 9 — Freshet carries away Spring's bridge at Biddeford.

July 7 — Merrill bought mills of Sam'l. Bradbury (sawmill fulling mill and grist mill).

Sep.10 — John Lee, aged 76, was drowned "sitting a raft of board from the Eddy. Fell off alone."

Sep.22 — John Tarbox was stoning my seller in Patterson's house.

" 24 — General muster at Peprellborough

Mar.19 — Deceased Martha Tarbox
21 — " Noah Nason aged 39 of Bidd.
24 — " Patrg. Richardson aged 40, all of consump. He was school teacher.

" 28 — Dennet brig arrived. Her first voyage.

Apr. 3 — Fast day.

" 7 — Mr. Bradbury went up to drive the River Ossippee. The river broke up above the Falls, the ice lodged against the bridge. Our sawmill stoped. The water is too high. We lost a raft of logs, went over the dam.

" 14 — I went up to the mouth of the Little Ossippee River. I was a fortnight on the driving. (a period of sawing followed)

May 29 — Perkins schooner ready to sail, also Dennet brig.

June 6 — Isaac Lane came down, judged his logs that had slipped by and came down. Judged by Abner Sawyer.

" 12 — Mr. Daniel Hooper (died) with a Consumption.

June 15 — The water so low we can neither saw nor grind.

July 12 — There were four Waggon from Buxton bound to Ohio. Benjamin Bradbury and his family, Lemuel Rounds and Joseph Billings family and Wm. Ridlon his family. Also Wm. Wentworth and Andrew Bradbury - the two last they returned in about three or four months disatisfied. (Arrived home Dec. 15, 1800)

1800
Oct. 21 Colonel Cutts store was broken open it is said 500 Dollars taken out.

28 Died Samuel Dennet of Peprellborough old gentleman.

30 Died Miss Lassell wife of Captain Is. Lassell, Biddeford, sudden Death, Biddeford

31 Died in Peprellborough John Trittems, Old Orchard

Nov. 25 Dennet brig was taken by the French. Loss 16000 (1600?) Doll.

27 Thanksgiving

29 Saml. Dennet launched a ship, the ship Benjamin.

Dec. 15 There were two boys drowned. Broke through ice below the falls. Sam (or Tom) Brannon and a Bailey boy.

" 19 Capt. Benj. Nason lost a brig. Taken by French.

" 20 The ice went out below the Falls.

" 21 " " " " above the Falls.

" 25 Very muddy

" 26 I went up to the boom and brought down thirty logs.

" 27 The people in some places are plowing in Scarboro.

" 28 Perkins schooner arrived.

" 29 Bradbury killed a hog weighing 330 lbs.

" 31 About nine inches of snow.

1801
Jan. 3 Cold. The river froze over again.

" 19 Joseph Leland moved from Little Falls to Peprellborough.

Feb. 24 Capt. I. Lassell was married to widow Walker.

" 28 Kelly old sloop arrived, Capt. Jotham Gillpatrick. Died on board Samuel Rolfe of this town. Also news Capt. Joseph Perkins of Biddeford, death in the West Indies.

Mar. 14 Corn is sold here at Nine shillings per bushel

1801

March 14 Campbell and myself worked on my sellar sills.

24 I was hauling stones. Benj. Foster and Campbell was digging.

" 25 We began to work in the shipyard to build the ship Hero. I worked in the yard nearly two weeks for want of logs, to be sawing.

Apr. 4 A ship arrived from W. Indies, Capt. Hanson(?), belonging to Fox Cutts & Jos. Leland.

" 9 We raised our ship Hero's frame.

June 1 I had two joiners from Buxton to work on my house by Ebenezar Hill.

4 Arrived from W. Indies Perkins schooner. Died on his passage Benj. Long of Biddeford with yellow fever, on board said Perkins schooner.

Arrived Capt. David Googins.

22 Mr. Bradbury began on the new road leading to King's Corner.

Perkins schooner about to sail for W. Indies.

July 3 Capt. Thos. Cole arrived at Saco.

25 News of the death of Samuel Cole at sea on board of Kelly old sloop, Capt. Nath. Foss.

26 I finished my chimney in my Patterson house near Ebenezar Hill.

Aug. 3 Arrived Capt. Freeman, also Capt. D. Googins from sea.

Sep. 7 Bradbury set sail for Boston, brig Confidence.

10 News of the death of Peter Hill son of Jere Hill, Esq. at sea and E. Hill, son of Joshua Hill, at Charleston in Carolina.

20 Bradbury arrived from Boston

Oct. 3 Capt. Nath. Foss sailed in Capt. Benj. Nason's schooner, John Thompson his mate.

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1801
Oct. 5 Arrived Capt. F. Mason, Perkins schooner.

" 10 Capt. Wm. Hutchinson, Perkins schooner

Nov. 2 Arrived Capt. Chandler, Sawyer schooner, died on board Mr. Senter of Saco, merchant.

Our rigging from Salem for the ship Hero came.

" 24 Was married - Samuel Merrill to Sarah Bradbury.

Dec. 1 Ship Hero sailed down river and we had to break the ice before her as far as T. Morrier(?)

Monday 1st January 1802 I moved Mss Merrill home into one room of Capt. Bradbury's.

1802
Jan 4 A smart rain which carried the ice out off the river below the Falls.

" 5 We haled boards and rafted them down river and put them on board the ship Hero for her first voyage.

" 9 Cole and Carlisle halled staves from Dennet's woods on wheels to put on board ship.

" 10 The ice broke up above the Falls, but did not clear all off. There has been no sledding this winter as yet.

" 15 We had teams went down to the ferry on wheels. About three weeks ago there were three Tarboxes sailed for Boston and have never been heard of since nor never will be (never have yet, 1840)

Feb. 4 Ship Hero sailed her first voyage. Boards are sold current this fall at twelve $

" 10 Jere Cole set out for Limerick a loging.

Mar. 6 Jere Cole came from loging.

" 10 Deacon Wingate of this town died.

Apr. 15 Benja. Hooper, Jr. died of consumption.

" 17 News from Thos. Cole on ship Hero. Sold board and staves at 20 dollars. Broke voyage at Barbados.

1802
May 4 Moses Bradbury chosen Lieut. and Wm. Stevenson, Ensign.

June 19 Peter Bunkers died, yellow fever.

July 8 Widow Nasons died with yellow fever, also Mrs. Judith Elkins.

" 16 Daniel Cleaves lost his eldest daughter, yellow fever

" 17 Pike Gordan died, a blacksmith.

(Note: Diary skips, without explanation, from July 1802 to April 1804).

1804
April 23 Smart freshet. The boom broke, the logs came down and stoped against the bridge.

" 26 We hung the boom and hard work to do it. Three days ago two mills came away from Salmon Falls on eastern side: Sawmill and grist mill, Buxton.

" 28 We began to saw slowly, water is over wheel.

May 1 We are called upon to train Capt. Gillpatrick.

" 2 Nemiah Bradbury helped me plow for potatoes.

" 4 I planted part of my potatoes today.

" 5 Saturday, Dame halled Bradbury's old house. I bought a piece of land of Enoch Smith at 25 dollars, then I fenced it in an older (alder) swamp. (sold the same a few years later at 100 dollars. Sold the lot to D. Stone)

" 12 Mr. Bradbury began to stone his seller.

" 14 I finished fencing my Smith lot.

June 2 Saturday I went to Scarborough to Tinkin, Denning. My business was to a matter of twenty dollar bill, counterfeit.

July 12 I went to Phillipsburgh after May. Smith to attend as a witness in case of flowing.

July 13 We came to agreement with John & Obed Hooper before a jury on the ground to give them 150 dollars to settle it finally.

" 14 Capt. Wm. Murch came in from Boston, second July voyage. Sold Boards for $9 250 brot(?)

" 30 Spring raised his mill, weak handed and hard work.

Aug. 15 I set out for Boston. Arrived there 16th at 7 o'clock. I went on the stage and returned by water.

" 21 We sailed for home. Arrived after two days with passengers: head winds: boards 10 dollars. About these days were drowned Robert Dearborn and Ephraim Curtiss, both disguised in liquor. Curtiss fell from his horse into a frog pond and perished in mud and water.

Oct. 9 Last night was a very severe storm of wind, rain, hail and snow so as to cover the ground.

" 14 I had two teems ahalling gravval to my house (Robert Patterson?)

" 22 Agreement with Rev. John Turner to come to Biddeford. Committee: Moses Bradbury, Ephraim Lock, Jere Hill, Allison Smith, Noah Hooper.

" 31 Court week. Case of one man threatening that he would be the death of another man, or lose his own life. Fined $20, couldn't pay: had to go to jail.

Nov. 25 I got my mare which was rode off, I suppose, by giving Silvenos Lowell 7/6

" 28 My mare is missing again, suppose to be rode away.

Dec. 12 Departed this life Nathaniel Staples.

14 " " " Mr. Joseph Dunham, consumption

1805
Jan. 10 Departed Mrs. Staples, the wife Benjamin Staples, deceased.

" 19 The schooner Grainger sailed for Barbados, John Emery, sailing master.

Feb. 11 Very heavy wind in the latter part of the night. There was a vessel run on shore on one of the islands at Winter Harbor, laden with lime from the eastward. She took fire and burned.

March 1 I halled logs from the bridge also, 2 days.

" 2 Afternoon I went up to Capt. Hooper's thence went down to the Oak Hill and helped raise a pier.

" 3 Capt. Nath. Foss arrived few days ago after a voyage of 79 days homeward. He fed 30 days on green hide; came very nigh starving.

" 4 Annual town meeting, held at lower parish. Jere Hill, Ichabod Fairfield and Daniel Cleaves, selectmen.

" 28 Dennet halled his vessel.

April 9 We had a letter from Capt. John Emery, had sold his lumber in Barbadoes and to deliver boards at Trinidad. Boards at 28 dollars, staves at 28, shingles 2½ dol.

" 21 Captain John Emery arrived in the Schooner Grainger from Trinidad, laden with molasses and sugar. Thirteen weeks since he sailed from here and one day. He was embargoed at Trinidad 26 days.

May 7 Training and Election of Millitia officers: Moses Bradbury, Capt. John Spring, Lieut. Abundance of wet and great abundance of logs. We have rafted about 1600 of good logs. The river drives have got down.

" 17 A smart rain but short, raised the river considerable. A part of each side boom gave away and came to the main boom but soon made way through it and came down against the bridges and all stoped there.

" 22 We rafted out a few from the western shore.

June 1 We have sawd about 135 M board this spring. Springs Mills have just begun somers work.

David ---- set out for Boston after waiting ten days. Set sail fair weather but cold.

June 5 I went raising of Mr. Turners house. Good luck. Doctor Shannon raised a house frame at Saco.

" 16 Began to frame our carding mill.

" 17 We raised it: the first mill of that kind.

" 19 I worked on the highway two days last week.

July 4 Capt. John Emery sailed on board the Schooner Granger bound to Barbadoes, laden with boards and staves. He

July 4 arrived here again in eleven weeks precisely. Sold at Sanlersee boards for 26$ per M, other lumber in proportion. His pay in rum and molasses. Quite a poor voyage: however good luck in sailing. Arrived Sep. 19

Sep.29 Wm. Stevens buried his youngest child, about 6 months old. A number of children have died a little past.

Oct. 1 Capt. Marshall arrived. Lost his schooner on his way home. Overset and lost vessell and cargo: the people escaped in their boat and taken of in a few days.

" 14 Capt. Emery arrived from Boston in schooner Granger.

Nov.27 Launched the brig Confidence. Verry pleasant

" 28 Thanksgiving.

Dec 10 The court arose after having set 2 weeks. Thomas Bradbury boarded here, was on the Jury.

" 17 I went down river in the brig Confidence. The river froze over last night. Caused us to brake ice. We got down to the Meetinghouse Eddy safe.

" 21 The ice went out of the river Saturday. We carried a raft of board down to Dennet's Wharf.

" 23 Capt. Samuel Emery got aground in the Bar after having laid six or eight weeks repairing of the damage received at Smith's Eddy occasioned by A. Sawyer and S. Spring's vessel.

" 24 Capt. Emery got off the Bar by taking a great part of his deck load and returned back to Dennet Wharf: put his board into a gundalow and batteu(?)

" 30 Fair and pleasant. The ground is entirely open and the river is open likewise. I killed my hogs: 1 weighed 275, and other 202.

1806

Jan. 14 Went to the beach after clams: got a few with Capt. Nat Cumming: young horse in the slay. Fair weather and very cold.....the harbor said to be frozen over down to the Bar so that a man may cross on the ice, which has not happened for twenty years.

" 24 Snowed and rained part of the day. I went as far as Arundel line to break the road.

Feb. 3 I went down to the ferry: it came on stormy so that we could do but little.

" 6 The schooner Grainger sailed, Haven Emery, sailing master.

" 9 Robert E. Nason (of Biddeford) was buryed.

" 12 I went to the dedication (of) Saco new meetinghouse. The dedication discourse by Rev. E. Whitcomb.

Mar. 2 Capt. Freeman sailed in the brig Confidence, her first voyage for Barbados. (Capt. Freeman arrived home after being gone ten weeks, sold at St. Kitts. Sold boards at 40 Dollars. Took his pay in rum and molasses. Pretty good voyage.)

" 3 A few days ago a man from Parsonfield, attempting to go homeward on the river, his ox fell on the ice and put his stifle bone out. He left him at my barn eight days.

" 12 Obed Hooper's team droped into the creek with load of logs. He, with help, got them safe out.

" 19 I endorsed a note for Amos Rich to the bank.

" 26 Peter Smith was halling boards for us upon wheels and very good wheeling; the ground is froze hard of late. The river broke up about these days but by degrees.

" 29 Saturday Capt. Carlisle and myself went to the lower ferry and rowed up a boat belonging to Deacon Pike, the wind ahead.

Capt. Chandler in the schooner belonging to Lowell Patterson and others; Capt. Samuel Gillpatrick in brig Greyhound are ready for sea. Bound to Grenada, Daniel Townson Gillpatrick, mate.

Apr. 10 We brought a raft of logs from Coles Brook. Dyed a few days ago Roger Smith of Biddeford.

" 14 We dug a drean to my well (to) lower the water 5 feet.

" 20 Pleasant sun but cold air. No logs from the country yet.

" 28 Monday we began to work on the bridge across the creek. Wednesday we finished our bridge. I worked 3 days but did not finish the road to go on and off the bridge.

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May 2 Samuel Smith raised a house frame.

" 3 Jere Hill, Jr. raised a stone frame wharf.

I had 15 gallons of rum of James C.

" 8 James Osgood came down says they have about six thousand logs on the way; will be here soon.

" 12 We rafted fifty log, the first that has been rafted this year.

" 22 Great fire at Saco. Consumed two good houses, Lieut. Pike's and David Warren two story.

" 27 Mr. Robert Bond hangs himself in shop chamber.

" 28 The log come very moderately now, the water low. The mill begins to fail; very dry for this season.

June 10 An eclipse of the sun, almost total darkness. Very dry this season; there has not been a ground soak for nearly two months.

" 13 I began to work on the roads and worked until the twentieth.

" 20 Mr. Osgood is down; we take his star logs, about 1060(1660?) in number, judged nearly 3½ ft. thousand.

" 27 I set sail for Boston and arrived there in 24 hours.

July 3 On Thursday we set sail for home, arrived Fryday July 4. Boards in good demand here at 9$. A verry dry season. Hay is sold frequently for Thirty Dollars a ton. About one-third of a common crop.

" 27 Saturday Nath. Goodwin lost a daughter; fell in the well. Buried on Sunday.

Aug 2 Saturday. I raked up my upper field of hay, about 5 cocks.

" 5 Thursday I bought 11 bushels of corn at 98 cents.

Sep 3 A very smart rain which raised the river from the lowest pitch to some heavy freshet.

Oct 6 Capt. Thos. Dyer was drowned at the Wharf, sudden and accidental.

Oct. 17 Drowned between here and the Boom, a boy belonging to Mr. Stephen Tibbits. He fell or jumped out of a boat alone.

Oct. 30 Boards for the Schooner Granger, Capt. Murch. $9.

Nov. 9 Capt. Freeman sailed in the brig Confidence. Capt. Samuel Hartley went over the bar and into the Pool for to finish his loading.

" 16 Sunday. We had meeting only half day, so bad weather.

" 27 Thanksgiving Day.

" 30 R. Clifford has worked here 27 days before this on finishing the west front room.

Dec. 2 I went to Portland in the stage. I was drawn as a juryman, but was taken out on account being two brothers on the jury contrary to law. Brother Thomas at Buxton was likewise drawn.

" 14 Obed Foss and his wife came down by slaying: the river has been froze over for nearly one week but little snow.

" 25 Thursday. We had a meeting at the meeting house(Evidently a Christmas sermon)

" 26 Old lady Hooper died, old age. Widow of Benj. Hooper, Esq.

1807

Jan. 13 N. Bradbury and Jere Cole halled boards to the harbour on wheels; smooth road. The court set past week and likewise this week. Luke Brock foreman on one jury.

" 26 I went with Mr. Cousins out on the plain after a stone. Extremely cold this day.

" 30 Schooner Granger sailed for Demerara, James Murch, sailing master. The schooner was spoken with, Sunday, first day of February and all well.

Feb. 13 There is a rumor on accompt of the French Bonnyparte stoping up all English ports prohibiting all American vessels to trade with the English upon penalty of being taken and condemned for prizes.

Feb. 14 Saturday. Rain and continued until Sunday noon. Carried the snow mostly off. Raised the river to a considerable height, equal to a common spring freshet.

" 20 We sank our pier very well. Water high.

" 21 We put in some stones into our pier and 23rd we finished halling stones for the pier.

Mar 7 Deceased Mr. Wm. Gillpatrick of Biddeford, the same day Mr. Wm. Stevens of the former place.

" 18 We raised our upper pier on the ice.

" 19 We sunk it.

" 20 We filled it with stone.

" 21 Saturday, we strung our boom on the ice, very weak.

" 28 The ice is mostly gone below the bridge. Yesterday we cut up to our boom and got out some logs. Likewise L. Brock cut up to his.

Apr. 2 Trist. Jordan halled a vessel. Halled it down at two drafths. The vessel built up at Deep Brook.

" 5 Sunday, pleasant. I rode to meeting in my slay. Mr. Fletcher preached here.

" 13 We began to work on the bridge, 14th worked on same.

" 15 Spring put towl (toll?) on bridge.

" 17 I began to build some post fence; the frost is not out. Some people have begun to plow on warm and dry land.

" 18 I worked at fencing. Warm, the river rises fast, good freshet, three feet of snow bank in the country.

" 28 Capt. James Murch arived in the schooner Granger from Burbish. Board sold at 44 dollars. I was halling out logs, the freshet very high.

" 29 Dennet's mill went away. The freshet is all made by snow, moderate weather.

May 1 Pleasant. The water increasing. Nehemiah Bradbury was plowing for me. The Bog Mill went off at night.

May 8 The water falls fast. No logs rafted this week. This day I went to work on the highway: new road.

June 1 We are lading the schooner Grainger, the first that we have halled of this Spring.

" 10 Capt. James Murch sailed in schooner Granger for Berbice, laden with lumber. They began to frame Hooper's Bog Mill this week.

" 17 They began to raise the Bog Mill: Raised the body of the mill first day.

On Sunday last the wife of Geroge Hooper drowned herself in a small brook, not more than one foot of water. She had been some delarious or insane previous to her death.

July 20 We got our sawmill to work after laying still three weeks only.

" 23 Smart rain but short. Raised the river eight inches. Very extraordinary wet season; throughout this hay season there has not been more than three days at any time of hay weather and that very seldom.

Aug. 21 I began to work on the road and worked one week mostly on the plaines road.

" 25 We had letter from Capt. Jas. Murch at Demara in the schooner Grainger. Sold Bord at six Joes and staves at 5 Joes, ... at four Joes, shingles 3 dols. Payment one half Molases, one-half in Rum at 22 stivers, molases at 17 stivers. The 25 September schooner Granger arived from Demara, Molases and Rum.

Oct. 6 General Training, Saco.

Nov. 7 The brig Confidence arived at Boston from Havannah. She was chartered in Boston by Mr. Ruggless.

" 10 We are loading the schooner Grainger for Boston, takeing in Boards at Cleaves Wharf.

" 15 Sunday, the schooner sailed on Monday for Boston. A few days past cast away the schooner Abigail of Saco belonging to Saml. Dennet, and Capt. Noah Kendrick and Fox Cutts. Run on to Boon Island and stove to pieces, from Boston with considerable freight, the freight saved mostly but considerably damaged.

Nov. 17 Mr. Enoch Neal (from Parsonfield) came down with an ox. I bought an ox for beef, weighte 720.

" 20 Last Wednesday night there it is said a vessel belonging to Machias went on shore down at Bunker's Point against the rocks. Lost her goods and spoiled the vessel.

" 24 Monday. Daniel Lee, also John Haley, arived from the Eastward, a fishing voyage.

" 25 I went with the Selectmen to see a Road across the swamp beyond Persias Bickford. Find the distance to be shortened by ten rods only. A frame sold at auction by Ichabod Fairfield: Capt. Carlisle bid it off at 53 Dollars.

Dec. 5 We halled board on wheels to Cleaves Wharf; put on board the Granger.

" 19 I paid Mr. Turner my taxes including my town, State, and County taxes; the amount of thirty-five Dollars and ninety-three cents.

" 25 Christmas. It snowed a little. We had meeting at our meeting house.

Brig Confidence began her charter: November 30, at Boston. The Embargo is laid on about the first January, 1808.

1808

Jan. 13 Drowned acoming into the harbour, Edm. Jeffors

" 16 Saturday. We were breaking of the roads all day.

" 25 Arived Capt. Samuel Gillpatrick in brig belonging to Isaac Lane.

Feb. 2 Candleman. Fair and moderate.

" 15 We bought hogshead of molasses from Edmund Coffin at 40 cents and two hundred sugar at 10-3/4 Doll. per cwt.

" 18 Now very good sleding; we began to hall boards to Cleaves Wharf, pile up, and continued until Saturday. Halled about sixty thousand (feet).

Taken up on Fryday, Edmund Jeffors who was drowned about 6 weeks ago. Carried home and buried on Sunday.

Mar. 5 Capt. Wm. Coffin arrived a few days past and Capt. Wm. Sawyer arived with Cash.

Mar. 28 Alexander Watson and John Goldthwait went out afishing; Were blown off, but taken up by a vessel. Watson expired immediately after he was taken from the boat: Goldthwait badly frozen in his feet. They were caried in at Portland and Watson buried there by contribution. Goldthwait brought home on a sled with two horses.

Apr. 4 Annual town meeting. Capt. Israel Lassel, Allison Smith, Capt. Moses Bradbury, selectmen. Capt. Seth Spring and Samuel Hubbard agents to attend the Court of Sessions on Road.

Voted to assess 500 dollars to defray expenses of town.
" " " 800 " for school money
" " " 2000 " for highways in 1808.
Likewise voted that the selectmen should be a committee to divide the town into school classes.

" 7 Fast Day. Wind Northwest, quite cool.

" 14 Fryday. Capt. Freeman arived in the brig Confidence from Philadelphia lastly. Brought 1600 bushels of corn and fifty barrel flower. Corn sold now for about 4/6 per bushel.

" 25 Jonah Hill began to work with us for twelve dollars a month in flower.

May 7 I went to Portland and received 600 Dollars, a draught which Capt. Freeman sent home.

" 8 Sunday we rafted at the boom 140 logs.
Rafted at the boom all this week.....fowl weather. Sunday went to meeting to Saco. Mr. Turner is sick.

" 17 Gave Israel Clifford a note 52$ 75 cents.

" 26 Came a smart rain yesterday, made considerable freshet insomuch that the main boom gave away and the logs stoped against the bridges - suppose nearly three thousand. However we hung it again the same day. The river drivers got down and began to work with us for a promise of twelve dollars a month.

St. John's Day Mr. Dame mowed my garden. Abel and others came from Buxton and went to the sea and home again.

About the 26th John Hooper began to hall his house and continued halling. Finished the 3d, much danger.

July 4 A company of men and women went down to the Pool.

" 10 John Hooper raised the upper story to his house.

" 12 Never was there known more plentiful of rains than in this season. I believe there has not been more than one week at a time the summer without rain. The prospect of hay is very great if there is a season to get (it in).

" 21 Mr. Drew was hung at Portland for killing a deputy sheriff, by name Ebenezar Parkhurst at Saccarappa in Gorham.

Aug 16 Tuesday night considerable of frost which killed the corn whit in cold land. The corn is not near full yet.

Sep 20 Worked on the road up to Bickford Swamp. Come on rainy at eleven o'clock, we left work at noon.

Oct 28 Came 4 inches of snow, the first snow this season. Verry cold at night for the season.

Nov 13 Sunday. Cole Stimson began last Fryday night to saw in our mill. Sawed nine nights, then sawed seven days.

Dec. 1 Thanksgiving Day.

" 11 Sunday. News that Govern. Sullivan is dead in this first year of his election. (Note: James Sullivan had been elected governor of Massachusetts in April, 1808; Levi Lincoln, lieutenant governor).

Dec. 24 A pier is built on the bar of the river mouth, built by subscribers. Capt. Benj. Cole of this town died on Saturday night, Dec. 24. Died on Wood Island, had kept the light on there.

1809

Jan. 8 The embargo still remains among us and money very scarce. Produce low, corn at 3 shillings. Brought from the country pork at about 4 cents a pound, hay not more than 5 or 6 dollars a ton. W.I. goods high, rum at 9 shillings, molasses 4/6 pr. gall., tea 7 shillings, salt at two dollars a bushel. I think the last embargo act says that all vessels must be unloaded or give bonds for six times the value thereof.

" 15 This week past Capt. Joseph Haley Phillips said to have died with the collick.

Feb. 5 Sunday, came a snow storm mearly one foot.

" 7 Tuesday, I went out on the plains to break the road, not verry much drifted.

Feb. 22 General George Washington born 1732 anno domini

Mar 4 Thomas Jefferson leaves his seat of Presidency and Mr. Madison takes it. Esq. Hill is out of office and Daniel Grainger supercedes him. Also Jonas Clark of Kennebunk out.

" 6 Thomas (his young son) began to go to school.

" 7 Tuesday. Cole Stimson began to work 6 Dollars

" 15 The Embargo is repealed and a non intercourse act takes place that we are not to trade with England nor France. But a few neutral ports, St. Bartholomew, Havannah, etc.

Apr. 3 Monday. Town meeting. Capt. Moses Bradbury, Capt. Israel Lassell, Jere Hill, esq., Selectmen, Jere Hill.

" 6 Was a day of fasting to be observed.

" 8 Satturday we had a parish meeting. Raised 400 dollars for expenses of pastor, etc. Capt. N. Hooper, Esq. Jere Hill, Capt. Moses Bradbury, assessors.

Voted that assessors be a committee to settle with Mr. Turner and Treasurer.

" 17 Monday. Elias Wakefield began to saw in our mill with Cole Stimson at 50 cents a thousand and to raise six pence on a dollar as boards rise and likewise to fall as boards do below six dollars.

" 26 I went up to Bickford's with Mr. Stone to look at the road.

Deceased, old Lady Peirson (wife of Samuel Peirson?)

June 5 Departed this life, Mr. John Tarbox of Biddeford aged seventy or more, consumption.

" 8 Thursday, Thomas Merrill arived here from Bridgwater. Likewise Capt. Payne and his wife, Aaron Ayers and his wife from Buxton and went to the sea .

I set out for Boston with Capt. John Emery, arrived at Boston on Sunday, 11th June.

Monday morning sold our lumber at eleven dollars pr. thousand.

July 4 At Portsmouth while discharging in a field piece at the fort a quantity of cartridges to the amount of 400 dollars, a part in chests and a part on the platform, took fire, supposed from the mach. and killed fourteen persons or more.

" 20 Our crank shaft broke.

" 21 We got it mended and built two rims of our water wheel.

" 28 Fryday. Tolerable good hay weather which is rare at this time for I think that there has not been more than one day of fair weather at a time for three weeks past but very little hay made yet. Corn is just beginning to spindle. Very backward.

" 31 We had a school class meeting to see if this class would agree to buy the schoolhouse formerly belonging to Doctor Porter at 400 dollars, but could not get a vote, therefore dissolved the meeting. Agreed to call another soon.

" 3 A very good week for haying and hay is sold five dollars, frequently in cash. Business quite dull.

" 6 Capt. James Murch sailed in the schooner Granger for Barbadoes with lumber on board.

" 16 Embargo or rather non importation act. Likewise on Embargo an Embargo in England.

" 25 We had our shearing machine at Eighty Dollars.

Sep. 2 Saturday. Be it remembered that Governor Christopher Gore who was elected the present year came through this town and our citizens about one hundred in number went to meet him over into Arundel and so on as far as Marches Tavern in Falmouth. Gov'r. and his wife rode in a coach with four horses which I think is little inclining to Democracy.

" 25 Hard frost which killed everything in a measure. Corn now is but a little more than full.

Oct.30 Old Nathaniel Perkins died this month. Very extraordinary warm through the whole of October and no rain to speak of.

Nov.10 It is said that Israel Pike died in the West Indies with a fever. He went out to secure some property.

" 24 Came about 5 inches snow and very cold, the ground is frozen hard and verry dry. We have been halling boards upon wheels these four days past and uncommon good halling for the season.

Nov. 25 Satterday. There is now eight or nine vessels froze up at the wharf.

26 Sunday. The people are at work to get those vessels down river. There are seven that have set off from the wharf.

" 30 Thanksgiving Day. I fulled a stock of cloth.

Dec. 23 Corn is sold at eight shillings per bushel. I have fulled this fall about 8,300 yards cloth with my own hand and tended the shop.

" 29 Theodore Hooper was buried. Lock and Turner attended the funeral. Lock gave a sermon from Revelation...

1810
Jan. 6 I bought a Chaise at 136 Dollars price. Mr. Brock raised his single (mill) yesterday morning.

Feb. 5 Aaron Ayer has left shoemaking and (is) studying Physick (with) Doctor Bacon.

" 18 Capt. Freeman moved yesterday on the River.

" 23 Fryday. I went up to Capt. Freeman at evening in chaise and tolerable good.

" 24 Saturday Sam'l. Patterson halled a string for our bridge on wheels, tolerable wheeling.

Mar. 1 We began to work on the bridge. Took up the west and put on four string and 20 new plank.

" 2 Fryday. We finished planking bridge.

" 5 Monday. I bought 150 acres of land at Piscataquis in County of Handcock at $243.20.

" 6 The brig Hazzard foundered, 19 January, owned by Joseph Leland, Cleaves and Tucker, R. H. Green, Capt. Spring & Sons. Lost all and the mate and two hands. Sailing master was Capt. William Chase of Saco.

" 8 Old J. Gould was buried here. Died sudden aged 81.

" 12 We are colouring black.

" 20 I began to fix Grists.

" 23 Friday. Died at Saco Capt. Nath. Scamman. Buried on Sunday.

Mar. 27 Went up to Bickford after mill stone. 28, we went up again. 29, (went) with team and halled mill stone.

Mar. 30 Fryday. I was cutting slates below the dyhouse.

Apr. 2 Monday. Cold, raw. Town meeting. The people came from the lower part of town in slay. Josiah Hill, Jere Hill,esq., Capt. M. Bradbury, selectmen. Voted by the Town, highway 1,200$, for School 1,000$, for town expences 600$.

" 3 Tuesday, Parish meeting. Edmund Coffin, clerk and treasurer. Esq. Hill, Capt. Hooper and Captain Bradbury, assessors.

" 4 We raised a pier over to Saco.

" 5 Thursday. Fast Day.

" 6 Fryday and Saturday fair. We finished our pier Saturday night.

" 12 A lecture preached by Mr. Turner at the house of Mr. William Maxwell.

" 13 Thursday. They swing the main boom.

" 18 We had a Training and an Election of Oficers. John Spring, Capt. William Maxwell, Ensign.

" 19 Brock and Cole began to raise their sawmill.

" 21 Very backward Spring. There (is) but very little seed put into the g round yet.

" 23 Monday. We were halling Boards. Sold them at 8 Dollars.

" 26 Thursday. Capt. Freeman raised a barn.

" 27 Fryday. Something rainny. The logs fast began to come from the country.

May 6 I was rafting at the Boom.

" 11 Fryday. Brock and Cole got their sawmill so as to go up or down.

" 14 Town meeting for the purpose of electing one person to represent the town at the General Court in Boston beginning the last Thursday in May annually. Ichabod Fairfield is chosen.

May 23 Jabez Bradbury came from Gloucester for carding.

" 25 Fryday. John Mayall arived from Boston with some cards for us. Saturday we set them on.

June 2 Boards have been sold at Eight Dollars pr. thousand principally.

" 4 We sold about 2,000 boards to Capt. John Emery at Eight Dollars and 50 cents.

" 14 Mr. Hill has finished our mill stone.

" 17 Sunday. Mr. Whitcomb fell on his way to the meeting house and could not rise again without help. It is like what has been talked on before.

" 21 Thursday. We had a verry smart rain in the forenoon and a Training in the afternoon.

" 23 Jabez Bradbury set out for Gray to get a carding machine.

" 24 Sunday. Mr. Lancaster preached here and Mr. Whitcomb did not preach nor do I think that he ever will again preach. (Inserted: July, 1813, Mr. Whitcomb has not attempted since to preach as yet).

" 30 Saturday. We had a School Class meeting and voted to buy the old one (school house). Vote 14 to 11 and bought it at 400 Dollars, payment to be made quarterly in four years.

July 4 We were halling boards and the bridge gave way. One of the caps broke but the team received no damage.

" 5 Mr. Bradbury and myself worked upon the bridge and we rectifyed it again tolerable well. This day there is news of the death of Benja. Nason at the West Indies, formerly of Biddeford but laterally of Portland.

" 16 Mr. Israel Buker began his school in this class at 28 Dollars a month, and board himself. Also a training today. About last of July Mistress Chadwick began school at 6.50 a month and we give 8 Doll. a month for boarding her at Doctor Dean's.

Our schooner arived from Barbadoes. Sold boards at 25 Dollars cash and then bought rum at 54 cents and cash with it.

Aug. 13 I went to Seccarappy after press papers. Died at Col.Morrill's, Capt. Lavell belonging to Cape Cod. A single man.

Aug. 28 Elisha Hill is setting our copper kittles.

" 31 Fryday.Mr. Finlayson had our horse and chaise to go to Scarboro, and returned on Sunday.

Sept. 4 Tuesday. Isaiah & Jonathan Brock came and made a pair of carriages to our saw mill. Also Samuel Tarbox worked 4 days and the Brooks 5 days each at 7/ a day which make about 16 Dollars for making carriages and sawgate, and boarded them besides, which in the whole make about 20 Doll.

Sept. 5 Wednesday. Election for field officers. William Moody chosen colonel, James Warren of Phillipsburg, Major. Also Jonathan Cleaves chosen major and declined, then John Spring is chosen and accepted. Also order for General Muster 4th October.

" 7 Fryday. Very good weather this week for the corn to ripen. There has been no frost as yet to do any harm. Corn is very late this year.

Court (of) Common Pleas at Alfred this week and the widow Mary Ayer has sued Spring for her third of his (Cow)Island and it is demured to the Supreme Court for trial.

" 16 Monday. We had a Training.

Oct. 3 The water is quite low in the River so that our grist mill has stoped yesterday.

4 A general Muster and a very good day. Field officers are first Wm. Moofy, James Warren and John Spring newly elected.

" 13 Saturday. Dennet and Sawyer finished their wing dam. The water is very low.

" 29 Monday. Jabez, our little child, died after being sick about 9 days with a sore mouth.

Nov. 9 Fryday. A shock of an earthquake at about 9 o'clock in the evening.

" 29 Thanksgiving Day & meeting in the evening.

The ground is open and moderate.

Dec. 4 Tuesday. About noon Capt. James Murch in schooner Granger arived from Burbish and being stormy snow, the wind N. East and blustery, he could not fetch in this harbour but tried for Cape Porpoise and going between the islands he drifted on the small one and his vessel wrecked to pieces. Lost the whole and 40 Jos in gold.

1811
Jan. 27 We finished coloring cloth for the present; fulled this season little over 9000 yds.

Feb. 2 Saturday. We began to hall boards to the Lower Ferry to send on freight Sunday night.

" 7 Capt. John Emery had his oldest son drowned; fell off from Stephens Wharf and was found lying on the water.

" 11 Monday. We finished our cloth work in the shop.

Mar. 4 Town Meeting. Josiah Hill, Nath. Goodwin, & John Spring, selectman. Ichabod Jordan, Constable & Collector. Money voted schools 1200$, highway 1200$, town expenses 600$.

" 5 Tewsday. Went up to Dennet & haled two logs for meal, Beekrs grist mill.

" 6 Mr. Buker about to leave his private school. His bill for schooling my children is $6.60.

" 9 Pleasant. I went to Phillburgh to Obed Foss's and returned in the evening on the river. Very good driving.

Apr. 11 Thursday, Fast Day. The weather is quite cold and backward since this month come in.

" 12 Fryday. We were halling boards, haled about thirty thousand, $7.

" 13 Saturday. Halled again, about fifty thousand in the whole.

" 15 Monday. I put in a stock of cloth to full.

" 19 Fryday. Warm and dry for the season. The river is quite low and no logs from the country as yet. Boards at seven dollars.

" 20 Deceased in this town old Mr. Shepherd with the numb palsy, over eighty years of age.

" 22 Fair weather all this week. No freshet yet nor logs from the country.

" 24 Wednesday. I plowed my ground for planting.

May 7 Tewsday. We had a Training. Fair day.

" 9 We are clearing away for to build our gristmill floom.

May 13 Monday. Town meeting to choose a representative (to General Court). Jere Hill, Esq., is chosen.

" 20 Monday. Went to Atkinson Inn and took my commission.

" 26 No freshet as yet; no logs of any consequence. We are now out of logs, sawing out timber for our grist mill floom.

" 28 Our sawmill lay still for want of logs. I picked the grist mill.

" 29 I went to Portland as juryman, District Court. Only one case before the court and that defaulted so that I returned the same day & rec'd pay 3.35.

" 30 Thursday. Training Day with us & I bought a drum, price $10.00 at Portland.

" 31 Fryday. Capt. Bradbury went to Buxton to try to get some logs along; we have rafted about twenty logs this Spring. We began carding about this time. Water low enough.

June 2 Mistress Martha Coffin began to keep a school in our class on Monday, 27 of May at 13 dollars and board herself.

" 7 We have now full work at carding.

" 8 We launched the schooner Hiram.

" 12 Jabez Bradbury came here to work at carding at 25 Dollars a month.

" 13 We began to pull down our grist mill.

" 14 We finished pulling down the mill and nobody hurt much; very rotten in many parts.

" 15 Saturday. We placed our mudsills for the grist mill.

" 17 Monday. We raised our grist mill in part and so on. Saturday we let the water into our floom and set the carding mill agoing. Monday we began to frame the upper part of our (grist) mill and raised it on Tuesday. Wednesday we began to board our mill.

July 6 Saturday. We got our grist mill to go around. . . .the last rain raised the river so much that we or the people got down a considerable of logs.

" 19 Fryday. Buried Mayor Samuel Jordan, of a consumption.

July 20 Saturday. Came a little shower and on Monday afternoon (22nd) a smart shower. The river has raised a foot, logs a considerable plenty to raft. Hill Bradbury went up to Shenton Fall to drive logs for three days.

" 26 Drowned at Buxton Bar Mills attempting to assist in stoping a raft of logs, they got the boat between two rafts and could not clear it. The others swome ashore but Mr. Sweetsir could not swim.

" 29 Monday. There is water enough to bring logs very well now; it (is) verry near up to our fulling mill floor.

Aug. 1 Thursday. Smart rain. I put in a stock of cloth....the water raised so much that could not finish fulling my stock cloth.

" 3 Saturday. I went with horse cart down to Capt. Marshall's and got 29 gallons Mollasses 65 cents.

" 8 Thursday. Vendue, a Nathan Eldens thirty acres of land sold to Robert Wentworth at 8 Dols.

" 14 Wednesday. We finished halling boards to Capt. Murch to Schooner Hiram. Sold at 7.25. The Schooner cost about 34 hundred dollars beside the riging bill at Salem; it is 93 tons.

" 16 Fryday. Mr. Sweetsir that was drowned the week past (see entry of July 26) was taken up above Little Falls. His body was whole but no clothes on, which is a wonder to people in general.

" 21 The double mill called Gouges Mill was burned last night down quite.

" 22 This day I think our people finished rafting for this season and very late too.

" 26 Monday. Theo. Smith and Daniel were cutting slabs and the first that they have cut this year

" 31 Saturday. Buried in Biddeford Mr. Johnson a foreign sailor....we halled up our dye stuff fall stock.

Sept. 5 We cleared the carding mill of work. About this time there is a star called the Blaizen Star, it sets about nine o'clock at evening a little westerly of north. It rather appears that this star traverses around the North Star. As it rises about three o'clock in the morning (it) is about six hours absent. About the first of January this (star) could not be distinguished.

Sep. 18 Buried in Biddeford, Sally Dean, the wife of Doctor Ezra Dean, very sudden sick, 3 days.

" 26 The Star inclined to the southward gradually.

Oct. 1 A general Training at Saco; Colo. Moody is sole president of the day.

" 12 The water is very low in the river, considerable below the top of Spring's dam.
Fryday morning (11th) we the School Committee agreed with Mr. Israel Bukers to keep our school at Thirty dollars a month, and the last year's money that he kept out in the Spring at 28 Dolls, the same as last year.

Nov. 1 Fryday. Thursday night came on stormy, very smart rain and very high wind; raised the river to a freshet. This last rain raised the water so much that we cannot full for two days, then we fulled three stocks and came more rain & on Wednesday night raised the water so much that we cannot for four days.

" 9 I had cause before Esq., Granger with Edmund Perkins & recovered thirty cents fine in addition of cost. Amount of $3.65 in the whole.

" 16 Came a smart rain, raised the river 6 inches so that clogs our fulling mill. On the whole we have not fulled more than six stocks for three weeks.

" 21 Thursday. Thanksgiving Day.

Dec. 1 Sunday. Fair and pleasant. The water is equal to a common Spring freshet.

" 2 Monday. We began to hall boards to put on Schooner Hiram for Boston; afterward sold the boards to be delivered at Kennebunk at 9.87½.

" 5 Thursday. Came a smart rain, raised the water so much that we cannot work in the dye house, the water being up into the arches that we cannot keep fire....the people finished framing the Gouges Mill so-called.

" 14 Saturday. We got into the dye house to work after being kept out eight days.

" 15 Sunday. Very cold and freezing, the ice makes in the river very fast. Capt. Lewis Young, attempting to go down river and could not stop his raft until he had got nearly to the bar and almost low water. He left his raft aground on the sand and Capt. Bradbury and myself went down Sunday evening to help get off the raft.

Dec. 15 There being no moon and the sea something boisterous we could not manage it, therefore it went apart and we've lost the above boards we had sold to Israel Wadlin of Kennebunk.

" 23 Monday. We began fulling again after having lay still three weeks & 2 days and having coloured all the cloth that we had fulled on hand. Yesterday I went to meeting in a slay, the first for this season. But very little snow and verry pleasant.

" 28 Saturday. We fulled six stocks of cloth this week.

1812
Jan. 6 Monday. Cole Stimson set out for Fryburgh aloging with Thos. Rumery.

" 11 The people do team it on the river but it is not frozen clear across from the island to the boom. But they can go by the side on the ice and then cross above the boom (where) it froze across.

" 16 Thursday. H. Bradbury was haling slabs with his team for me; good doing on the river but no sleding on the land here although good doing up country for logers.

" 23 Thursday. My pump froze. It is said that the river is froze over from Stevens Wharf to the bar, firm and strong....
Sunday night I got my pump to work again after being froze up 1 week.

" 27 Monday. We are halling boards to the ferry, and the sledding about done again. There has not been but one day of sleding.

Feb. 15 Saturday. The schooner Hiram went to sea, Jordan Morrill, master, Thos. Davis, mate.

Mar. 4 Cole Stimson came from loging & says the snow is four feet deep at Fryburgh. Selectmen for year 1812, Jere Hill, Esq., Capt. Israel Lassell, Samuel Merrill, Ichabod Jordan, Constable & Collector at five per cent.

" 6 Fryday. Departed this life...widow Mary Bradbury; buried on Sunday, 8th, aged seventy six. Also buried the same day Mr. Benja. Proctor, Biddeford.

" 14 David Hazeltine went to Limerick after having kept school eighteen & two half days.

" 27 I was at Esq. Hill's office fixing for making highway tax.

Apr. 7 Tuesday. The ice cleared out of the river. Last night Benja. Patterson lost his horse and Wednesday he came floating down the river with saddle, bridle and saddle bags on.

EMBARGO arived here on 12th (Sunday morning) (with) mail for ninety days

" 19 Sunday. Came a smart rain at night but short, but raised the freshet quite high.
Tuesday fair and quite cool. We made soap.

" 23 Capt. Silas Elden arived with a cargo of rum and molasses and brought on freight for us and owners of the schooner Grainger which he received in part for the bills the Grainger brought home her last voyage that she was wrecked at Cape Porpois. Left there due about four hundred pounds sterling. The cargo consisted of 38 Logsheads molasses and fifteen Hoggshead of rum. We have agreed to send it to Boston.

" 25 The water in the river stands at the top noch and mostly cold weather. Verry backward.

" 26 Saturday. Captain T. Jordan Morrill arived in the schooner Hiram with no rum and 39 Hogshead molasses.

" 27 Capt. Curry had a training and choice of officers. Jere Milliken chosen lieutenant and Tristram Hooper ensign. Capt. Loring Tarbox was buried last Sunday night after a short sickness.

" 29 Bradbury and Samuel Emery were plowing. Quite cool. There is but very little seed put into the ground yet. River very high. No logs.

May 4 It stormed I believe all night, wet snow.

" 5 Tuesday. Training and very uncomfortable. The snow mostly dissolved and very muddy and windy too. We have now 110 men on our muster roll at present.

" 10 Sunday. Pleasant and white frost. But a little seed put into the (ground) as yet. Logs begin to run; the river has fallen about two feet.

" 15 Fryday. Tolerable pleasant and rather dry. People have begun to plant in some places, but not many.

May 16 This day I made a detachment of eight men and drummer: James Dunnell, Samuel Emery, John Gray, Seth Spring Jr., Phin McIntire Jr., Nicholas Berry, Robert Gray, John Thompson, Moses Foss, drummer.

" 20 Wednesday. I planted my potatoes. Very cold weather in general. But very few people have planted as yet. Cattle suffer very much for want of hay or grass.

" 28 Thursday. The river is yet extremely high; they are obliged to pay every attention to the boom and side boom. The Buxton boom have broken twice.

" 29 Fryday. I went to Buxton & Saturday went on to Portland and I bought a mill saw at $11.50.

June 8 Monday. James Means came here on trial to learn the trade & Moses Foss has agreed to work eight months at fifteen dollars pr month, beginning at the third of June, 1812.

" 13 Saturday. There is a letter from Richard Cutts from Washington that say war will be declared in two or three days.

" 19 This day departed this life Mistress Stone, the wife of Mr. Daniel Stone and I went to Portland with Mr. Turner and returned on Thursday, 20, which is a fast day proclaimed by the President.

" 21 I attended a funeral as a Bearer of Mistress Foss. She (was) caried into the meeting house and Mr. Coggswell preached a sermon from Job, 14th chapter & 10th verse: But man dieth and wasteth away, yea man giveth up the ghost and where is he.

" 26 Wednesday. Boards are verry dull at 5½ Dolls. No market hardly except the Cape people and they want to pay in barter way.

Sept. 5 We are halling of a few Boards at $5.50. It is said at this time that the American ship of war, Constitution, has arived at Boston with more than two hundred prisoners taken from an English man of war which she sunk not many days before and killed about 50 or 60 men of British. Deacon Dunham from Hebron called here agoing on westward.

" 6 Sunday. Yesterday a committee for Colo. Cutts on account of the road across Googes Island so-called. Gen. Hull's army consisting of 2300 soldiers is said to be captured by the British near Fort Mallden by about 1500 British troops. Leads me to think on the blazen star which seemed to hang over that country at first light last fall & continued some months.

Sept. 10 Wednesday. There were about two companies of Soldiers marched along here said to be bound on to Albany.

" 19 We had a Training & 23rd at night came a hard frost. Killed potatoe tops dead.

" 29 A general Training at Buxton and cloudy cold day. Colo. Moody is president of the day

Oct. 2 Fryday. Buried on Monday last, Benja. Cole.

" 15 People are gathering their corn and verry extremely lite, not but verry little more than a third of a common crop; scarce any that is ripe. Corn is sold now at eight shillings pr bushel.

Nov. 1 It is said that the Bass (?) is taken and carried to Hallifax.
Mr. Abram Dearborn has got home about this time. He had been taken and carried to Hallifax.
This evening I went down to John Chase's to talk with him about Abigail Tarbox. He says he has kept her about nine months at 7/6 at the lowest and that he will keep her so long as to make up two years at 7/6 (and) find her victuals and clothes.

" 2 Monday. Town meeting for choice of Representative to Congress. Votes for Cyrus King 142 and 33 for Cutts.

" 7 The corn is said to be sold at two dollars pr bushel but very little corn amongst us of this year's growth that is or will be fit to grind.

" 21 Saturday. We loaded (Capt.) Murch mostly last week, schooner Hiram for Boston.

" 25 Wednesday. We halled our boards all off clean to Boston (?)

" 26 Thanksgiving Day. Tolerable pleasant. We have fulled about 8500 yards cloth this season, our number stands at 815.

" 29 Sunday. Reverend Mr. Turner has left his account against the Parish with an atorney for settlement. The Parish, I suppose, stands indebted to him about one Thousand Dollars. Our powder house cost 100$, Mr. Elisha Hill built it by the job.

" 30 Corn selling at about 10/6 per bushel nor is it likely to be any cheaper. The corn that grew this year is the poorest that I ever saw ground. It is soft nor will it grow hard.

Nov. 30 It is said that there is a prise brought in at Portsmouth laden with wheat from Quebeck. Suppose 10,000 bushels.

Dec. 14 Monday. We have fulled about 9800 yards of cloth this year and have run to a point at present in the fulling part.

This day we had a parish meeting concerning Mr. Turner tax which he has sued for. Voted to choose a committee to settle with all the back collectors; the committee are Capt. Bradbury, Sam'l Peirson & Daniel Stone and to authorize the Treasurer to issue warrants against delinquent collectors that the arrears may be brought forward and ballanced.

" 19 Saturday. Cole Stimson set out for logs on Thursday last for Thos. Rumery.

" 21 Monday night I went down to Esq Parson's on account of Parish affairs. I find that our Act of Corporation says that whenever any one of the Parish is dissatisfied that he may take himself off to belong to the lower or first Parish by leaveing his Certificate with the Parish Clerk 20 days before the first of April in any year.

" 22 Tuesday evening Capt. Hooper & Esq., Hill met at our house to see what abatement to make the several tax bills, and we made the amount of 311.57 in the whole, first Eben Hill, James Carlisle, Jere Hill Esq., Capt. Moses Bradbury, Sam'l Merrill, Jere Hill Jr., & c.

Deceased last night with a consumption, Mr. Joseph Staples of this town.

" 28 Monday. I went up to Capt. Hooper with Esq., Hill and we arrived a tax for the Parish for 259.40 to pay up the back rearages of Mr. Turner. Setting this with the tax assessed in October last makes my tax to Parish to be 24 Doll. 03 cents this year.

1813
Jan. 4 Dedication of the academy at Saco

This day I went to Esqr. Hill with Mr. John Chase to agree with him about the keeping of Abigail Tarbox, a pauper belonging to this town. He says that he has kept her one year, ending the last of December last part (year). We agree to give him one dollar pr. week.

Jan. 22d Fryday. I agreed with Edmund Perkins to frame a shop and give him twenty-one dollars in cash, except he is to allow what charge I have against him.

Feb. 3d Wednesday. Mr. Perkins began to frame our shop.

" 10th Wednesday. I have fulled 2 stocks of cloth.

" 12th Fryday. It is said that an other army is defeated at or about Michagan.

At night widow Lee was put to bed with son. She says on oath that the father of it (is) James Goldthwait of this town.

March 8 Monday. I tended the grist mill one day and a half.

" 14 Sunday. At night Joseph Dearborn had a son born in his house & first born.

The snow is 3 feet deep now.

" 15 Town meeting. Josiah Hill, Edmund Coffin, Samuel Merrill, selectmen.

" 17th Wednesday. I went up to Jere Coles to the funeral of Mistress Rosanna Stimson (wife of Loammi Stimson). Mr. Turner preached a serman from Revelations 14th, & 13th verse: I heard a great voice.

22nd I haled some slabs from between the mill with James Goldthwait, Thos. Rumery oxen.

April 1 Thursday. fair & moderate. I went to Portland on horseback. The road is very poor but the frost has hardly begun to come out. The snow is three feet deep in many places in the highway so that it is neither Slaying nor Raying.

" 6th Tuesday. I was cutting ice from our mill up toward the bridge all the forenoon. The ice is thick and strong in some places.

7th Wednesday. Verry pleasant. We began to take down our shop; that is, one end of it.

8th Thussday. Fast Day.

April. 9th Fryday. The ice cleared below the falls and it broke up above the falls and mostly stoped against the piers at the head of Springs Island. Also Brock's pier upset by the ice.

A school class meeting at the school house chose a committee of three: Danial Cleaves, Capt. Nat Goodwin and Doctor Dean.

" 10th Saturday. Yesterday there passed by here about three companys of men as soldiers amarching for the Michagan territory I suppose.

" 14th We moved our shop, the old part of it.

" 15th Thursday. We raised our new shop frame and Fryday we began to dig in the seller. Also S. Tarbox and I. Dearborn began to work at joiner work on it.

" 16 I went to Jere Bettis to lay out a road from the end of the new Town Road to near Bettis barn, almost two hundred rods. He offers to take one hundred dollars for damage of crossing his land.

" 19 Monday. We worked all this week until Fryday night. A company of soldiers marched by yesterday (Friday, 23rd)

" 26 Monday. We finished digging our seller at shop.

" 27 Tuesday. Sip and Cloe made a complain of keeping Ruth Hill, that they must have pay for keeping her. She being sick & that they will keep her for one dollar a week. Also a complaint from Saco of one of James Johnsons daughters who is now in their poorhouse & say she belongeth to Biddeford.

" 30th We rafted some logs at the boom and the first that we rafted this season

May. 1st Saturday. I went to Theophilus Smith and laid out a private highway one rod & half wide across John Stevenson land 20 rods. Said Smith is to build ten rod of the fence and pay John two dollars.

" 9th Yesterday it began to rain and continued until today noon. We went up to the boom today and swung the side booms: but a few logs in the boom at present.

May. 9th The road laid out for Jere Bettis is accepted by the Town & agree to give him eighty dollars for damages and he agrees to take that.

" 11th Tuesday. Yesterday and today I worked at the boom rafting & we rafted over five hundred logs in two days. Osgood's driver got down and verry good run.

" 13th Thursday. We finished rafting for the present and rafted over fifteen hundred logs and a verry extraordinary time for rafting. There has been but a few logs except what we have rafted.

" 17th Monday. This morning before breakfast there were a company of soldiers about 140 in number marching westward account of the place called Harvredegrace, in South Carolina I believe, which was taken by the British and 13 houses or more burned to the ground. Also an account of a Battle at the upper Canady; they, the Americans, carried the point with the loss of 200 or more.

" 18th Tuesday. Capt. Bradbury went to York with Daniel Lock, a Taylor, whom he had taken as a prisoner for stealing a piece of linnen cloth. They are now gone for trial at the Supreme Court at York. The desision of the court is that said Lock shall be doome to the States Prison for two years.

" 27 Saturday. I went to Portland, took Thomas with me. Our schooner Hiram arived here from New York. Brot one thousand bushels of corn and eight barrels of flower. Also brought on freight nearly 500 Barrels of flower for Eastport for Government corn is now two dollars pr bushel.

The State tax for the year 1813: one hundred and thirty three thousand Dollars and 97 cents, also 33,333 Dollars & forty nine cents for to pay of the Representatives to General Court.

" " Thursday. Mr. William Bradbury arived here from Boston and brot some cards for us.

" 29 Saturday. We began to card new wool - the first.

" 31 Monday. Verry agreeable weather. The apple trees just in bloom and rather late.

June This 7th of June there was a company of soldiers passed by and piched there tents in the afternoon up at Wm. Googinses and stoped there all night. About 130 in number. Nicholas & Nehemiah Staples, Josiah Long & Mark Fernal were with them.

" 8th Samuel Smith came to work with me at carding; agreed to work half a month for five dollars.

" 18th Fryday. Elisha Hill finished the mason work of our shop & seller. His whole bill is about thirty dollars.

" 19th The account of the capture of the American Frigate the Chesepeak by his Magesty frigate the Shannon near the first of this month in Boston Bay within sight of land.

" 24 Thursday. Today the Saco troops about four hundred marched on westward for Boston. That takes the greater part that were stationed here.

July 10 Saturday. Finished our assessment of taxes. The calculation is $2.46on a pole and one cent & five mills on the dollar. My tax is 36.42, town, state & county.

" 12th I received a letter from Mr. Benjamin Dergin with five dollars in it for his wife. He says that he is stationed at Fort Independence at Boston and expects to finish his campaign there.

Capt. Israel Lassell arived, also Capt Noah Cole. They sailed in February or March last for some of the West India islands but they were seized and their vessel condemned, and returned home as passengers.

" 19th Monday. There are a large number of waggons bound on to New York ladened with English goods.

August (no date) 5th section of the Act of Incorporation of the Second Religious Society in Biddeford - All those who shall be desirous - of becomeing members of said society & inhabitants of said town shall leave their names with the Town Clerk twenty days at least before first day of April and if any member of said Society shall be desirous of a dismission therefrom, he shall leave his name with the Town Clerk 20 days before the first of

Aug. (No date) April in any year and thenceforward shall not be considered as a member of said Society but shall be considered a member of the first parish in said town.

Aug. 21 Saturday. We have had hands at work all this week repairing our sawmill and have repaired it today..... Very good hay weather for these 3 weeks past. Hay is sold for five Dollars a ton in cash.

It is said that Col. Lane's Regiment is called for to move on toward Lake Erie and the small remnant that were stationed at Saco have marched westward two days ago.

" 25 Wednesday. Warm and dry. No rain for three weeks and three days, more than a sprinkling. It has been said that corn will bare a great deal of heat and drouth but we find that the heat and droughth has really killed many pieces of corn dead. Corn in general is not fit to roast. No rain as yet. It is four weeks last Fryday since there has been any rain of consiquence, a little longer than is stated above.

" 28 Saturday night I bought two quarter cags of powder at 70 cents a pound, amount to thirty five dollars, for the town stock. We have now but five cags of good powder, and one lead one make six cags in the whole and one cag in the whole and one cag is now due to us from the company of the privateer Nathgary (?) which they borrowed last August.

Drowned at Col. Cutts eddy a few days ago, a boy belonging to one of the Johnsons in Saco.

Sept. 9 Thursday. A day appointed by the President as a day of fasting and prayer, throughout the United States. A British frigate captured off Portland and brought in there 3 or 4 days ago. American Enterprise took the British Boxer.

Oct. 3 People have gathered their corn in some measure; there has been no frost this Fall yet to kill anything. Corn very good and ripe.

" 6 General Muster at Saco; a very good day. Colo. Moody, Major Spring and Major Lassell. Considerable frost this morning and the first frost this Fall to kill anything.

Oct. 16 Boards are sold now at 7.25. We sold ours in Boston about a week since at 11.50: they neat us about 8.50 after paying freight.

" 27 Boards sold at seven dollars per thousand at Saco. Thomas Wentworth came from Buxton, he has lately been Eastward to Foxcroft. Says it is about 35 miles from Jabez and Daniel Bradbury and about 150 from Buxton. He paid five dollars and 18 cents for me for one year's tax for two lots only; a high tax, I think too.

A smart rain about this time, the river is now up to a midling Spring freshet or nearly 2 or 3 inches higher would stop our fulling mill.

" 31 Sunday. Mr. Turner is absent again on a mission.

Nov. 4 Abel Merrill came from Turner but did not stop more than an hour or two; got his cloth and returned again.

" 18 Thursday. Began to snow in the evening but turned to rain in the night. Fryday very smart rain indeed, our fulling mill stoped at noon. Fryday night the water fell one foot at least.

" 20 Saturday. The bridge across Swan Pond went off last night.

" 21 Sunday. The water has abated so much that I think we can full tomorrow.

" 23 Tuesday. Mr. Tracy returned from Eastward and I hired his shearing machine for three months and have paid him fifteen dollars for the use, which is to be reduced out of the price if I buy it afterward at 75 dollars.

" 25 Thursday. Thanksgiving. A little fine rain makes it very muddy.

" 26 Fryday. A town meeting and voted to raise 400 Doll. to build Swan Pond bridge and Robert Rumery as a surveyor to see it done.

" 27 Saturday. We have fulled about ninety-five stocks of cloth this Fall; our full cloth No. stands 890. Finished halling of boards, rather bad halling. I had a barrell of flower brot from Boston a few days ago at $17.

Dec. 5 I attended to drying. We made up a hundred stocks of cloth fulled this season, amounts to 10,507 yards.

Dec. 9 No ice in the river yet. We fulled our last stock of cloth yesterday, that we had on hand and it is the 103d stock this Fall.

" 19 Sunday. Quite pleasant in the morning but grows colder at noon; it is very good wheeling, the ground is frozen and worn smooth mostly. There is a report in print that there were 14 coasting vessels taken by one privateer from Hallifax; two from Kennebunk and one from Scarboro.

" 21 Tuesday. Paul Hussey came from Scarboro with a stock or two of cloth to full in our mill.

" 22 Wednesday. A great fire in Portsmouth. Account from print says one hundred and eight dwelling houses and sixty-four publick buildings were consumed in the flames.

" 24 Fryday. We have about done coloring for this season.

" 25 Saturday. Moses Bradbury went to Portland in chaise after some camwood. Got half hundred at twenty-five dollars.

" 26 Sunday. The river I think is froze hard enough to bear a team.

" 28 Tuesday. Daniel Coles oxen broke into the river going under our bridge but were got out without damage.

I bought a hog from Mr. Amos Rich, 343 wt., at 6 pence a pound two days ago.

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Jan. 7 Cole Stimson set out for loging on Wednesday last for Nath. Cole.

Lemuel Foss left work with me and went aloging for his father.

" 8 Saturday. I received inoculation of the kine pox about 3 weeks ago and since have inoculated Sally, Thomas, Samuel, Lemuel and James that have taken and some that did not take.

I went to Obed Hooper and got a pair of sheep at six dollars.

" 9 EMBARGO was laid on the 17th December last.

" 15 Saturday. Some prospect of a peace being made between the United States and Great Brittain; have agreed to send messengers to Gottenburgh to arrange the affairs.

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Jan. 22 Saturday. We are about finishing the last of our cloth of this last Fall's stock. Fulled about eleven thousand of yards of Milled cloth, suppose about four thousand of thin cloth.

" 28 Fryday. Sleding verry good.

" 31 Monday. I set out to Buxton in the afternoon, verry cold. Went to Mr. Woodman's, stoped Monday night. Wednesday I went up to Standish and stoped one night. On Fryday we got home. Cold and clear.

Feb. 7 Monday. Mr Rich from Standish came down & brought a pair of sheep for me at 6 dollars.

" 8 Tuesday. I let him have eighty dollars - the same bills that I had of John Foss of Buxton a few days ago.

I put in a stock of cloth today.

" 9 I finished fulling my stock of cloth.

" 17 Thursday. I set out to go to Turner, went as far as Buxton. Fryday I took Mrs. Payne & went on to Turner. On Saturday my mother was buried who died on Thursday last after being sick about one week. On Saturday night about one o'clock at night deceased at my father's in Turner, old Mrs Gurney, a town pauper: supposed to die with a lung fever the same as my mother.

" 20 Sunday. I set out for home with Mrs. Payne & Thomas, Doctor Ayer & his wife. Stoped that night at New Gloucester. Monday came to Buxton and Tuesday I got home.

" 23 Wednesday I went up to Alfred with B. Foster to see the Shaker shearing machine.

I agreed with Mr Ebenezer Wentworth of Buxton to send on to Foxcroft Town by Mr. Samuel Chamberlain, at his return from the Westward, who lives at Foxcroft, to appraise the three lots of land in said Town that I own, for the direct taxation and to send on for the money when the tax is made. I also left five dollars with my brother Thomas at Turner to agree with Mr Weston who is about moveing into the town of Foxcroft to work out my highway tax for the year 1814.

March 3 Tuesday. Cole Stimson came from loging today.

March 7th Monday. A town meeting. Selectmen Israel Lassell, Edmund Coffin, Samuel Merrill. Edmund Coffin, Town Clerk; Nath'l Goodwin, Town Treasurer.

" 19 Saturday. I have been at work for some days past on highway taxes.

" 20 Sunday. Squally. A flurt of snow at noon. Went to meeting in chaise, tolerable good.

" 21 Monday. I went & run out the 10 acres of land that I bought of Capt. Carlisle.

" 23 Wednesday. Halled 2 load of boards up to my pasture lot.

On Monday last, 21st, we had a parish meeting & chose parish officers. Capt Bradbury, Edmund Coffin, Sam'l Merrill, Assessors.

Mr Turners act (account?) of absence divide into years of his settlement in 1812, twelve Sabbaths, 1813, eighteen, 1814 eleven. Voted to raise 200 dollars for present year or more.

" 25 Fryday. Very cold indeed for the season. The sledding is very good except in some spots where the ground is bare.

Soldiers are enlisting quite frequent at these times, the bounty being 124 dollars to those who list for five years or during the war. There is eight dollars allowed to the person that will bring forward a man to enlist. Fine encouragement.

" 29th Tuesday. I have agreed with Joseph Dearborn to pain our shop, to paint it over twice for ten dollars and a half, and I am to find brushes to do it with.

April 1st The river is tolerable well up. I put in a stock of cloth yesterday & finished it Today.

" 3 Sunday. The ice went off last night. Clear.

" 7th Thursday. Appointed to be Fast Day.

Mr. Turner has set out for a tower (tour), on a mission by the consent of the Parish, to be absent about three months.

" 13th I gave orders to Daniel S. Hooper to notify the company for May training.

April 23. I was plowing & Saturday I sowed some oats & peas.

" 25. Monday. We began to hall boards to put on board the schooner Hiram to freight to Boston. Capt. Bradbury is up river attemding to driveing logs.

" 26 Tuesday. Uncommonly warm & Wednesday, insomuch that the oven fail in working. We are obliged to take them out.

" 30. Saturday. I put in a stock of cloth.

May 3 Tuesday. Training

" 4 Wednesday. I bought two shares in Saco Bank at $212. Paid in one hundred dollars & gave a note for 112 dollars which may run until first of October which is the time of making devidend. The devidend made at the first of April was 17.50 on 500 dollars.

" 15th Sunday. Departed this life Capt. Noah Hooper at about twelve o'clock at noon with a lingering sickness. Buried Wednesday, 11 o'clock.

Also the same day (Sunday) the main boom broke and the logs came & stoped against bridge. I was at work all day (Sunday) securing of logs. It rains by showers and has continued to rain three days past. The main boom broke a little before night and the logs came against the western bridge and filled up to the head of the island but a few stoped against the eastern bridge tho being partly gone at the west end.

" 16th Monday. Rained very smart all day and part of the night. I set out for York at 2 o'clock and it rained excessively. I went as far as Linsey's Tavern in Wells. Tuesday I got to York at 10 o'clock, the rain was over. The Saco River is about as high as it was ever known.

" 18th Wednesday. It (the river) is about the highest. Springs bridge went off clean, the eastern Bridge (went off) on Monday afternoon, & the other bridges went on Tuesday & Tuesday night. The double sawmill called Dennett's trap mill went off on Wednesday morning, the lower mill in Biddeford went off Wednesday night. A house belonging (to) Mrs Woodbury in Saco went down stream, it went down between S. Dennets house and the sawmill apprently whole on Thursday and it made a little stop in the eddy below the mill so that some men went into the chamber part of it and took out some things, such as a bed etc.

May 18th On Saturday morning, 21 day of May there was a small house belonging to Aaron Tibbetts in Saco, opposite the head of Springs Island, went down stream by the water undermining it. It is said that there is fourteen saws or sawmills above Saco Falls that are taken away by this excessive freshet. It is said to be about as high as in October, 1785.

On Thursday, 19th May, I arived at home from York (where) I served on grand jury. The several complaints were brot forward: one against Elder Simon Lock for merrying a couple in Lyman which it appeared that his parish belonged there in part. Therefore found no bill: A complaint against Elder Roberts of Wells for the same as above & acquitted the same.

A bill found against Charles Spinney & his brother of Kittery for confiscating a barrel of compound housing stuff owned by Mr. Yeaton of Portsmouth in time of the great fire last Fall. It appeared that the Spinney's took the above barrel of goods by Mr Yeaton's consent to take care of & carry to certain place which he named to them but it appeared that (they) took it across the river to Kittery and kept it. The articles were as follows as near as I can recolect - one barrell 16 lb butter, 9 lb box tallow, one pair of fire or farm hooks, five bonnets, one string of gold & coral beads, one cady with two gold rings, some pieces of carpeting belonging to stairs and front entry, 12 brass stair rods, one case with razors, half pound fine cotten thread.

A bill found against William Hart formerly of Parsonfield for stealing a horse from a Mr. Mighaels of Parsonfield, said William Hart has lately broke jail at Alfred and fled. A bill against Thomas Chick of Elliott for abuseing a Mr. Lord of Elliott with his fist.

" 23rd Monday. Captain Moses Bradbury set out for Boston as a representative (to the General Court) for this town, also R. H. Green for the same duty

" 25th Wednesday. We had a training.

" 26th We got our sawmill to go verry slowly.

" 27th We got the grist mill to grind a little .

" 28 Saturday. I went up to the Boom & Itt Bradbury & (I) worked all day abuilding up a wharfing to hang the boom to on the east side of the river. The water has fallen about five feet from the highth of the freshet.

May 29 Sunday. We went to meeting to Saco, crossed in a ferry boat below the Falls, it carried over 70 persons at a time.

" 30 Monday. I. H. Bradbury worked at the boom all day & Cole Stimson & I worked in afternoon & we swung the boom.

State tax for the year 1814 $133,334.92. Biddeford's proportion is $253.33 cents. 22 counties in this State: 502 incorporated towns

June 5 Sunday Capt. Bradbury came from Boston in the morn. Yesterday we halled Lydia Tibbetts house & shed also. A boy who was driveing a waggon team fell in the road up at Bickford's hill & the wheel went over his legs. Broke one thigh and hurt the other verry much. He belonged in Portland.

" 7th Tuesday. I was at work on the highway on the Post Road and worked untill Saturday noon.

" 11 Saturday. News of the death of Capt. Thomas Cole of Alexandria, formerly of Biddeford.

" 16th Thursday at noon we had an alarm that there was a British ship at Winter Harbor. We instantly repaired to the mouth of the River and from thence to Capt. Waldo Hill's. Found three vessels on fire, a brig of Capt. Cutts, a schooner & a sloop loaded with lumber belonging to Cape Cod that had run on shore on the flats up in the pool. They burnt dureing the night following principally up. After setting fire to the above vessels they took possession of the ship Victory belonging (to) Capt. Thomas Cutts and set her sails & took her away. He on Fryday redeemed her for six thousand dollars and brot her into the river again. They also took some things from Cutts' store and cut off the keel of a vessel on the stocks in two places.

We stoped at Capt. Hill's on Thursday night; on Fryday at noon we returned home to get some refreshment and returned back to Ralph T. Jordan's and stoped on Fryday night. On Saturday we built a breast work on the hill at the bass trees and returned home on Saturday night all well & much tired. The 74 warship lay at anchor until Saturday about 10 o'clock when she hoisted sail, past wood Island to the westward, & cast anchor again & lay untill 2 or 3 o'clock when she set sail & put to sea.

" 19th Sunday. I went down to the fort after meeting and the 74 ship-of-war was in sight: it was supposed to be the same. She was standing to the Eastward. On Monday morning she was out of sight.

June 20th On Monday I detached five men to be stationed at the fort, viz. Reuben Downs, William Nason, Phineas McIntire Jr., John Gray & Lemuel Emery, & sent them on at night.

" 23 Thursday. Very cold about this time.

" 27 Monday. We were halling boards to put on board of Capt. John Emery. Tuesday it rained.

" 29 Wednesday. We halled boards to Capt. Emery and finished halling, suppose about 30,000 or a little over.

Bradbury & I judged two string pieces from Simon Mason to Andrew Spring. Judged to be worth ten dollars, both of them: seven for one & three for the other.

" 30th Worked on the bridge, repairing the wharfing of it: finished it the first day of July.

July 2 Saturday. We had an election for field officers: John Spring for colonel, S. Merrill for major & W. Waterman of Buxton for major.

" 4 Monday. I went down to the fort on Jordan's Point and took dinner.

7th, 8th & 9th I was at work on the highway on the post road. The British war vessels are about our harbor almost every day. Times look verry gloomy at present.

" 10th Sunday. Mr. Turner preached at his own meeting house, the first Sunday after his return from E. mission, after being absent thirteen Sabbaths, $92.50.

" 12 Tuesday. Verry windy indeed. We were halling and sticking (stacking) or cross piling boards, for there is no market for boards at this place and we cannot get them up to Boston at present.

" 14 I went to Buxton on a visit and returned on Saturday. Verry good weather for haying.

" 17 Sunday. Theodore Benson was drowned in the mouth of Pisspocket Brook. Went out with a boy of Mr. Jacobs on two logs rafted together and they parted and they both fell in & Benson drowned - other lived. Buried on Monday: a son of Capt. William Benson.

July 23 Saturday. Capt. Jabez Woodsum set out for Boston with a load of lumber, had not proceded far before he was taken by a privateer tender in Chebacco boat which they had taken from some fishermen. They however offered to give her up for two hundred specie dollars and he came on shore and procured the money & ransomed it.

Aug. 4th News of the death of Hiram Hill of this town, son of Ebenezer Hill. He enlisted as a soldier and had marched for Plattsburgh but was taken sick on his way, at Andover in New Hampshire and died there.

" 8th Monday. Smart rain, and Monday night it rained all night. The river raised 3 feet or more in the course of the night, which I think is the most that I ever knew in so short a time. People have not near done haying yet, the weather being so bad.

" 10 Wednesday. Fair and brite hay weather. The water in the river has fallen 18 inches in 24 hours past so that our fulling mill is in motion again.

" 11th Thursday. I finished haying good hay yesterday and today.

" 15 I went with widow Abigail Hooper to Kennebunk on probate business.

Buried in Arundel Mr. Nath. Currer, he being a broken man and hot weather caused the mortification to take place.

" 16 Tuesday. I indorsed a note for Benja Mosher at Saco Bank for one hundred dollars.

" 19th I indorsed a note for Thomas Rumery, payable at Saco Bank for two hundred dollars.

" 20 Saturday. Corn begins to be fit to roast. People have about done haying I believe and very good crops of hay and grain.

" 23 Tuesday. News of a battle at Fort Erie. Says the British attempted to take it by storm but were defeated with loss of about one thousand men killed, taken, & etc.

Aug. 26 A signal from the fort of an alarm was given and we immediately repaired to the fort below. We found that a schooner from North Carolina with a thousand barrels of flower & 300 barrels of tar, commanded by a Capt. Wilkinson was chased in by three barges of a British ship, she being anchored to eastward of Wood Island. The schooner run in near to Capt Waldo Hill's; not being able to git into the

Aug. 26th pool she got aground and, seeing no chance to escape, by order of Capt Wilkinson his schooner was set on fire. But the British boarded and extinguished the fire and towed the schooner out. She or they had just got out of reach of musket shot as we arived at the place. We suppose that the British saved the flower; the riging & sails of the schooner was mostly burnt up but they made some use of the topsail in going out. The flower supposed to be worth $15 a barrel, of course it was worth $15,000.

The ship-of-war (was) out of sight next morning. Some scattering barrels of flower was taken up afloat it is said off Cape Porpois. I have not learnt what became of the schooner.

" 29th Monday. An election of officers in this company. Lieut. Maxwell was chosen captain and Jere Wadlin lieutenant.

The alarm was given this afternoon and the people repaired to Winter Harbor. It appeared that a schooner from Portland, loaded with lumber, bound to Boston, on discovering a warship at the southward of the Neck makeing toward them, they came to an anchor at back of the Neck and on seeing a barge acomeing from the ship they cut their cable and run ashore. The barge came up within a gunshot of the schooner when some of the inhabitants from the shore gave a number of guns, which caused them to put about and (they) returned to their ship. The ship lay off and on untill night but the next morning she was out of sight. The schooner drove up on the beach and they were obliged to unload her mostly and then get her off, and returned back to Portland.

Sept. 1st I was up to widow Abigail Hooper with Esq. Hill, Capt. Goodwin & Edmund Coffin, Esq., who were the appraisers.

" 3rd I bought a pair of Epauletts of Colo. Moody at 2 doll. & plume at 3.50; a pair of spurs 2.50.

" 5th Monday night considerable frost. Killed the corn in many places.

" 10th Saturday. Pleasant all the week since Monday. Capt. Maxwell had a training today.

" 15th The selectmen of Saco and Biddeford have this day petitioned the Governor to order out one or more regiments to be stationed at Saco or Biddeford.

Sept. 16th Verry smart rain but short. I went up to Alfred and received orders there to take charge of three companys of lite infantry to be posted in or at Winter Harbor, and returned on Saturday 17th.

News of a smart battle at Lake Champlain under the command of _____ McDonough. A signal victory gained there and disposed (of) all the British navy there.

" 19th Monday. I went down (to) Winter Harbour to look out for some place to station some troops.

" 20 Tuesday. A General Review at Saco. A detached company from Buxton of lite infantry came in to go on duty but did duty with the Regiment on Tuesday.

Tuesday at noon life infantry from Limerck came in, Capt Joseph Stimson commander.

" 21 On Wednesday Capt. Small with company from Limington came in and I posted them as follows: Capt J. Woodman company at

Jordan's Point in Biddeford
Capt Jos. Stimson at Capt.
Waldo Hills, and
Capt Smalls at Capt. Stevens
sail loft.

" 24 Saturday. I went down (to) Capt. Stevens and did not cross over to Jordans Point.

" 25 Sunday. I gave a furlow to Samuel Hill & Joseph Donnel to be absent untill Monday.

On Saturday passed this place a British Lieutenant of the ship Bulwark who was taken prisoner at Penobscot, himself and six or eight others with him of the ship's crew, & carried West.

There is accounts from Baltimore that the British have made them a vissit but got defeated, lost their General and returned. They say about five thousand in number landed.

Oct. 1 Saturday. Capt. Edward Small with his company marched from here to Kennebunk after being here about ten or eleven days. There (are) still two companys of lite infantry stationed below.

" 6th Thursday. I went down to the fort at Jordans Point.

Oct. 7 There is (an) order this day distributed to make a detachment in this regiment of fifty men to take charge of the camp at Jordans Point and the light infantry are to be discharged.

A general order from Gov. Strong for the militia of this state to practice Maltby Elements of War for general rule of discipline, and exercise.

" 11 Wednesday. Capt. Joseph Stimson with his company marched out from this town after being on duty three weeks and one day from the time of leaving Limerick.

" 12 Capt. James Woodman with his company marched out from this town after being here on military duty three weeks & two days, and Capt. Daniel Appleton has come in & taken his place at the fort at Jordans Point in Biddeford with fifty men under his command.

We have had Benja Chandler's boat about 12 days by my contract. Capt. Moody has agreed to hire the boat in future or a third part of it & Appleton & myself (the) other 2 thirds.

" 15 Saturday. Adjustant David Coffin came from Buxton & made out his report & sent it to General Goodwin. Says 24 days attendance.

" 18 Tuesday. News of the death of Elisha Hudson of Saco belonging to Capt. James Berrys company who marched to Plattsburgh about a month ago.

" 20 Capt. Maxwell had training in order to choose an Ensign & chose fore or five but they all declined.

" 24 Monday. I went to Alfred (for military orders?) lost time.

" 28 Fryday. I took Mr. Seth Storers merino ram & agree to give him nine shilling for each lamb ceded (seeded) by him. I calculate him to wait until Spring to see how many lambs I have.

" 30 Sunday. Mr. Nason preached here. Mr. Turner is absent on a journey. A convention at Kennebunk last Thursday to consult on choice of Representative to Congress and agreed to support Cyrus King.

Nov. 7th Monday. A town meeting to choose a representative to Congress for this called the first Eastern district. Votes as follows: Hon. Cyrus King 126 & John Holmes 31. Cyrus King Esq. is chosen. (Said King chosen Major General, winter session of 1815)

" 10 Thursday. We finished halling boards to load the schooner Hiram for Boston market. Also the same day there was a privateer came within Wood Island and cast anchor and seized upon Catp. Andrew Spring as he came around the island comeing in from Boston. They stripped off his running riging and gave up the vessel again by his giving them ten gallons of rum.
The detached troops at Jordans Point were discharged the same day as above and left the ground the same day.

" 12 Saturday. I bought a pair of sheep of Cole Stimson; gave him five dollars & fifty cents

" 13 Sunday. I put Storer's ram with my sheep and he took him out again on Monday forenoon.

" 27 Sunday. Mr. Turner is absent the first Sunday on a mission in Hampshire State.

We have fulled eleven thousand yards of cloth this Fall up to the present time.

" 28 Monday evening about seven o'clock a heavy shock of an earthquake. A full moon about an hour high shone brite & serene.

" 30 Wednesday. Cloudy, thawed a little & snowed a little at night. We finished fulling until more cloth comes in.

Dec. 1 Thanksgiving day. Snowed in morning; it snowed moderately almost all day.
I have agreed with Mr. John Taply of Saco to hire a seat in his pew for two at 15/ for six months beginning first day of December 1814.

4th Sunday. It snowed a considerable but cleared off again at night. Went to meeting at Saco in a Slay.

16 Hussy from Scarboro came over to full a stock of cloth.

17 Saturday. I went (to) Saccarappe after a piece of cloth that was stolen from our mill and found a piece at Fosters mill at Saccarappe said to (be) sent there by a Mr. Kitson of Portland. I went into Portland and Kitson was gone into the country with a load of brown ware therefore I did not see him.

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Dec. 17 I took the cloth back to Fosters mill again & left it in his care until Kitson mite find the man that he bought the cloth of. He gave 3/6 per yard.

" 24 Saturday. Moderate. Sleding tolerable good. We have been halling boards for these three days past down to Stevens wharf to put on board of Capt. James Smith to freight to Boston. It has been good or tolerable sleding ever since this month came in, which is something uncommon.
Corn is now about nine shilling pr bushel, beef 5 dollars pr hundred and pork fresh 9 or 10 cts. West India goods verry high: rum about 3 dollars, molasses 2 dollars pr gall. Coffee cups (?) 2 doll. a set

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Jan. 3 Tuesday. I went up to my pasture lot & Lemuel Foss & Mr. Lunt went to cutting fenceing stuff. 1815

" 4 I put in a stock of cloth. We have fulled verry near twelve thousand yard this season thus far & done fulling for the present.

" 9 Monday. Brother Thomas and his wife came here from Turner. The slaying is quite good at present.

" 12 Thursday. Fast Day appointed by the President through the United States. I went to meeting to Saco, Parson Webster preached there from Zephaniah, chapt. 1, 15, 16 & 17th verse.

Eben Wentworth & his wife came from Buxton yesterday and came here today from Joseph Dearborn.

Mr. Webster says concerning the Russian or rather French army that went to Russia in 1812 were four hundred thousand and all the account that he has ever seen of the return of that army was but eighty thousand, rest astray.

" 13 Capt. Lassell came up and we made out a bill for expenses for building of barracks at Winter Harbour in Biddeford.

" 16 Monday. Capt. Bradbury set out for Boston to attend the General Court. I sent on my bills by him for building of barracks at Winter Harbor.

Jan. 19th Thursday. John Meserve lost a child; died by being scalded by pulled a coffee pot from the table on his head & died in two days after.

" 27 Fryday. News that the American frigate President is taken by four British war vessels. The (President) was rated a 44 gun ship & smart sailor.

It is also stated that a British sloop of war was lately cast on shore on Long Island and the crew perished, all except six, I think; over one hundred being lost.

" 28 I went to Portland today & got a piece of cloth that was lost by paying $4. 8 cents to Kitson who bought it of a thief I suppose. (See earlier report of December 17th)

" 29 Sunday. Went to meeting to Saco. Verry cold indeed.

" 30 Monday. We had some teams halling board to the ferry.

" 31 Tuesday. Extremely cold. I went down to the ferry; the river is cached (catched) across at the ferry.

I received a letter yesterday from R. H. Green, Esq., now at Boston, respecting some bills that I had sent on to Boston by Capt. Bradbury to present to the board of war at Boston. This board saw fit to reject the bills. I have, or rather the selectmen of Biddeford have petitioned to the General Court for to have them allowed. Sent on the petition by Mr. Benja Pike.

Feby. 3 Fryday. I made a conditional bargain with Nathaniel Cole for his homested. I have deeds of it all and paid 154 dollars & 24 cents in cash and given up a note that I held against him for 101.65 cents and signed the following notes payable in one year providing Mr. Cole does not redeem it within that time:

One note to Wm. W. Cleaves for amount (paid)	269.53
One do. to Samuel Peirson Esq.	214.56
One " " Capt. J. Carlisle	345.24
	829.35(?)

This amount of notes stands against me providing I keep the premises, if not is void. Those notes on interest will at year's end be about $900. I am to have a deed from Carlisle immediately for 1 1/4 acres of land adjoining the house lot provideing the property is not redeemed and will not sell for the amount of 1085.65 & interest, but if it will sell for that amount then I am to give up said Carlisle his deed of the acre and a quarter.

Feby. 7th Tuesday. Fair and pleasant. About - inches of snow yesterday. I went down to the ferry today, Capt. Murch has about finished loading the schooner.

I went up to W. Sinnots today to see about buying a cow. He thinks of asking 23 dollars for one.

" 8th Wednesday. Fair and pleasant. Capt. Bradbury returned from Boston after being there three weeks.

News (of) a battle at N. Orleans saying that General Jackson gained ground on the British. (Later) It appears by accounts since that Jackson obtained a verry signal victory over the British.

" 14th Tuesday. A report came last night respecting a treaty. It is said that our ministers at Ghenthave concluded a treaty of peace. It now remains to be ratified by our Congress. (Later) The treaty was agreed to and signed by the President on 18th day of February, 1815.

" 15 Wednesday. I set out for Buxton; tolerable pleasant.

" 16 Thursday. I went to Portland and bought a mill saw at 14$ and File at 75 cents.

" 17 Fryday. I went to Mr. Appleton on a visit.

" 18 Saturday. Smart snowstorm in forenoon, abated some in the afternoon. We came home. Verry blustering.

" 21 Some rainny. Some of the inhabitants met at Cleaves tavern in Saco & chose two committees to make arrangements to celebrate the 22d day as memorial of Geo. Washington's Birthday and the Treaty with Great Brittain.

" 22 Wednesday. About 60 inhabitants of Saco and Biddeford partook of a dinner at Cleaves tavern in Saco. Eighteen general toasts were given and some Valentin ones were given after.

" 24 Quite cold. Came on stormy afternoon. Jere Cole and his wife were here on visit. We had a small looking glass broken.

" 28 Tuesday. Thawy. We the selectmen preambled (perambulated) the road from Daniel Stones to Joshua Smith. Concluded to lay it 2½ rods in width.

March 1st. I put in a stock of cloth yesterday. We have fulled 12,000 yds this last season.

March. 6th Town meeting. Jere Hill, Esq., Capt. Moses Bradbury Israel Lassell selectmen.

" 7th Tuesday. Capt. Bradbury set out for Fryeburgh after logs. Our saw mill goes verry well now, water enough.

" 8 Paid Capt. Waldo Hill thirty dollars that I received from Board of war for him, it being not half of the bill that he had charged but all that is allowed him.

" 9 Thursday. I went up to Daniel Cleaves farm to Long Reach with Edward Bradbury as a committee to appraise the damage of a road laid out by the selectmen of Saco. We measured the width of Cleaves' lot in the old road & found it 82½ rods, then measured the new road across said lot and find that 106 rods. Then measured from the new road at right angles to Cleaves barn 201 rods. We ass(ess)ed damage to said Cleaves 55 dollars. Also the town of Saco to pay the committee 2.75 for their services in performing the business.

" 10th Fryday. Fair and pleasant. There is some slaying on the river yet but I think it will soon be done.

" 14th Tuesday. Capt. Bradbury returned from Fryeburgh.

" 16th Thursday. I went up to Mr. Sinnott's and bought a cowed (?) calf and drove her home. Price 23 dollars.

" 18 Saturday. I went to Buxton in the slay. Tolerable good slaying going but rather poor comeing down. There was 4 or 5 inches of Snow and the ground considerably frosen.

" 19 Sunday. Fair and pleasant in the morning, went to meeting in the slay.

Mr. Ebenezer Wentworth of Buxton has promised to pay the taxes on the three lots that I have in Foxcroft. There is money due him now for the direct tax 1814 & I believe a proprietors tax which is two dollars a right. He has some corispondence with a Mr. Chamberlain who is or has been one of the selectmen of that town. He also thinks that he has paid the highway tax for 1814 which Mr. Weston has worked out for me and I have paid or left the money with my brother Thomas in February 1814 when I was at Turner. (Eastern land tax).

March. 20 Monday. Fair and verry windy and cold indeed. The river, or ice on it, is quite strengthence again. The slaying is gone.

" 22 Cold. The ice strenthens & it would bear a team safely to go on it. Nehemiah Bradbury is here ahauling logs on the Brow. Some snow on the hill.

" 23 Storm of snow at first, then turned to hail and it rained considerably. Spoiled the sleding. I gave a note to Capt. Thos. Smith for over fifty dollars. Also hired of Moses Bradbury Jr. 40 dollars a little while ago.

" 26 Sunday. Capt. Murch came in from Boston last night and came up to the meeting house eddy but could not get up any further for ice.

" 29 Drowned in Saco below the falls an Irishman, one of United States soldiers haveing shot some fowl in the river, then went on the ice to get it and broke through. Buried under arms.

" 31 Molasses is now 4/6 per gallon, sugar one shilling.

April 1 Came a little snow last night and frose. Some tolerable good slaying this morning. We hauled board to the wharf in Saco on wheels. Attempted first to haul to ferry on sled but could not, & kept them at meeting house.

" 4 Tuesday. It snowed some in the forenoon and rained in the afternoon. The ice cleared off below the falls so that some vessels came up.

" 5 Wednesday. The ice went off above the falls last night.

" 6 Raw, cloudy, verry muddy. As (it was the) State Fast, went to meeting to Saco in chaise, and poor doing.

" 7 Fryday. Samuel Tarbox began to work on our fulling mill. Also Mr. Bradbury on the sawmill.

" 8 Saturday. It snowed nearly all day but did not gain any on the ground.

" 12 Fair & tolerable pleasant. I went up to my pasture in the afternoon & began to put up some log fence.

" 13th Fair but rather cool this morning. (Day) to be kept as a day of publick Thanksgiving and praise throughout the United States. Advised by the President James Madison. Text, Psalms 46 & 9th: the Lord make the wars to cease to end of the earth.

April 14th Gave up a note against James Woodman of 54.53 cents, on interest for eight years makeing in the whole principal and interest $80.70, for which I took a note signed Aaron Ayer and Thomas Merrill for 80 dollars.

" 19 Wednesday. Corn is retailed at eight shillings a bushel.

" 25 Tuesday. Fair but cool. But little or no seed put into the ground as yet. The frost is hardly out enough to make fence.

" 26 Wednesday. I went up to fencing my pasture lot. Something cool.

" 27 Thursday. Verry warm indeed digging garden.

" 28 Gave, or qualified, Moses Woodsum with Ensigns commission.

May 1st Began to haul board to put on the schooner Hiram to freight to Boston.

" 2 Also on Tuesday hauling boards with two teams. Hauled to Goodwins wharf in Biddeford.

" 3 Wednesday. We finished hauling boards. Mr. Dame began to make our garden.

" 5 Fryday. Fair. I was fencing up my pasture. Log fence. Capt. Murch sailed for Boston & Samuel & Moses Bradbury went with him.

" 7 Sunday. Capt. Bradbury came from Fryburgh last night.

" 8th Monday. The ground is covered with snow.

" 9 Tuesday. A town meeting for choice of Representatives (to General Court). Voted to choose two, as follows.

" Saml Merrill and Reuben H. Green.

11 Thursday. N. Bradbury was plowing for me.

" 12 I planted some pees, corn & potatoes....verry backward Spring.

" 18 Thursday. News of the arival of the ship Constitution. Arived at New York.

" 19th Fryday. There came 2 or 3 inches of snow this forenoon, rained a little in the afternoon. However the snow covers the ground so as to appear white at night, which is verry extraordinary.

" 21 Sunday. Deceased in this town Mr. Lemuel Foss. Buried on Tuesday.

May 26 Fryday. Pleasant. I put my sheep to pasture and Capt. Bradburys sheep also.

" 29th Monday. I set out for Boston with Cole Smith of Hollis and arrived at Boston on Tuesday at about 3 o'clock. Wednesday the General Court set, at Boston.

June 10 Saturday. At noon I arived at home after haveing been gone 12 days. A Representatiyes travel allowance is two dollars for each ten miles and two dollars for each days attendance at Court. I received Forty dollars for my journey.

We have rafted nearly all our logs that were turned in at first, but there is now another freshet so that I think we shall have a good run with the later drive.

" 12 Monday. A fine pleasant & warm day churning. The grass is quite short but looks well.

" 17 Saturday. We have been hauling Boards for two days to put on board the schooner Hiram to freight to Boston. Boards are sold here at eleven dollars, and some over that, per thousands.

Capt. Bradbury returned from driving the river with a prospect of a good run with the logs. The water has kept verry/for this 2 weeks past and a verry good freshet too. steady

" 21 Wednesday. Quite warm and growning weather Boards are now selling at Eleven dollars.

" 24 Saturday. Fair and tolerable pleasant. Thos. & James went afishing from old orchard, caught 8 or 10. (Note: St. John's day trip to the sea).

" 26 Monday. Capt Maxwell came in and took our grist mill for one year & I helped him pick her this day & set in order.

" 29 Thursday morning Lemuel Foss Jr., began to work with me. Agreed to give him eighteen dollars pr month for six months to come.

Warm & something dry. I set out with Mrs. Merrill & Mr. Hooper to go to Turner. Went to New Gloucester first night got to Turner 2d night, stoped there three nights, then returned through Windham and Gorham & Buxton & home, 8th day after setting out.

July 10 Monday. Departed this life, George Bickford of Biddeford with a consumption. Buried on Wednesday. I went to funeral..... a serman preached by Rev. J. Turner from John eleventh chapt. 23 verse, they Brother shall rise again.

July 11th Tuesday. The water in the river is quite low and our logs have not come down, not at all well. Capt. Bradbury is gone to Limerick with his wife.

" 14 This week has been a good week for haying. Hay is sold now for about 8 or 9 dollar pr Ton.

" 15 Saturday. Mr. Samuel Bradbury and his son Samuel came down and went down to the neck. Left his son there to stop a while, on account of his ill health to take the sea breezes, etc.

" 21 Fryday. I finished my haying; got a little over a Ton.

" 22 Saturday. Cloudy and a sprinkling of rain. However came a thunder shower in the evening with a little rain. The river drivers have got down to Salmon Falls mills, I believe, with the later drive of logs.

" 24th Monday. We began to haul Boards for schooner Hiram and Tuesday hauled part of the day.

" 25 Capt. Bradbury & Nath. Cole went up to Buxton to endeavor to assist in getting the logs over Salmon Falls.

" 31 Monday. William Brock lost a child about 6 or 8 weeks old. Died with hooping couch, buried on Wednesday.

Aug. 3 Thursday. Mrs. Boulsten lost her youngest child with the hooping couch, buried the same day - about 17 months old.

" 5 Hauled of 1920 feet sheathing board to Capt. Hartley to put on the Fox Cutts ship at $9.00.

" 7 Monday. Fair and cool. The water is verry low in the River so that our mills will hardly move all at once, Boards are sold here at about $9½.

" 8 Tuesday. Cool, rather backening to corn. At work in the shop, cloth rather thin as yet.

" 9 Wednesday. Esq. Payne & his wife came from Buxton.

" 10th Went tc the pool with Esq. Payne, Stephen Woodman, James Emery, Alex Jose & Joseph Dearburn, went to Christopher Hussey and took dinner.

" 13 Sunday. I went to meeting with Mrs Payne. Mr. Payne stayed at home.

" 14 Fair. Esq. Payne went home.

Aug. 15 Tuesday. Work in my shop, and Wednesday.

" 17 Thursday. Some small rain. Quite growing weather. People have not done haying yet.

" 18 Fryday. Cloudy, and Saturday. Much grain out.

" 20 Sunday. Cloudy. Cloudy weather for 5 days past, and grain that was mowed on Tuesday and reapt is now out, I think. It must be verry much hurt, if not spoiled.

Nason preached here.

" 25 Saturday. It cleared off in the forenoon after ten days of successive cloudy weather in so much that the grain that was not cut & taken in before this is nearly if not all spoiled on account of the weather. I do suppose that there is thousands of bushels of grain totally lost, the weather being warm throughout this cloudy spell of weather caused the grain to sprout & grow; even that that was standing has sprouted out an inch or two.

William Mozley finished painting and papering our south front room. The cost of painting that & the chamber stairs, entry etc. was about Thirteen dollars, paint included, and the paper cost about four dollars.

" 27 Sunday. Mrs Dame had her children christened; a lecter preached there at 5 o'clock.

Deceased this day about 1 o'clock afternoon. Mr. Nicholas Smith, aged about 86.

" 28 Monday. We were hauling boards.

" 29 Tuesday. Went to funeral of Nicholas Smith, Mr. Sherbourn attended. A chaplain preached a sermon (the living know that they must die but the dead know not anything).

This day I am 39 years of age.

" 31 Thursday. Quite cool. Some frost at night in cold land but not to kill anything. Fryday moderated some, & Saturday quite pleasant.

Sept. 4th I went to town meeting on account of roads. Voted that the selectmen should agree with Colo. Cutts or rather Mr. Thacher had agreed with him. Also voted the selectmen should agree with Mr. Turner & Daniel Foss for a few feet of their land to widen the road.
A verry thin meeting, not over 8 or 10 persons. This was by adjournment, haveing met once before for the same purpose & adjourned on account of the small number.

Sept. 9th Saturday. Corn seems to be getting along slowly, verry green as yet. I suppose not half of the corn full in milk.

" 11 Monday. Capt. Murch brought 50 bushels of corn for us from Boston & three barrels of flower.

" 13th Cloudy, no rain. We began to haul boards for the schooner Hiram to freight to Boston. Board are now selling here I believe at ten & a half dollars pr. thousand. Capt. Murch sold his last load for 15 dollars in Boston.

" 15 Fryday. Finished hauling boards for schooner.

" 18 Monday. I went to Arundel to a Gen'l Review. Rain smart in the morning but cleared off about 9 o'clock in the morning. Maj. General Cyrus King attended the said review and the first after his election.

" 19 Fair. Capt. Maxwell had a training.

" 23 Saturday. Verry smart rain in the forenoon, heavy wind. About noon the wind shifted to south east and blowed verry hard indeed, then came round to S. West, cleared off and the wind blowed extremely hard.
(Later) On 23 Sept. was a verry remarkable gail of wind, more especially to the westward. In Boston there was a great deal of damage done in the harbour & in Providence we learn it was verry distressing, almost a Huricane.

" 27 Esq. Payne & his wife set out for Lebanon in Hamshire State with my horse and chaise about 120 miles.

Oct. 1 Sunday. Verry warm fair weather. Mr. Rand from Gorham preached here: Text, Matthew XXIII Chapt XXX 37verse: A lamentation over Jerusalem by Christ.

" 3d Tuesday. Capt. Murch arived from Boston with his schooner some damaged.

" 4, 5, & 6 Repairing the schooner & finished Saturday.

" 7th Saturday. Has been 14 successive fair days. People I suppose have mostly done harvesting. Corn tolerable good, no frost to hurt it much.

" 12 Thursday. We finished hauling boards to Capt. Murch, about 50,000 I suppose.

" 15 Sunday. Rather cool after some rain last night. There has been but a few frost this Fall and none hard. I saw this day punkin blossoms, a number, that were not touched with frost yet.

Con't.

Oct. 15 On Fryday night last Esq. Payne arived here from Lebanon after being gone about seventeen days, also Dotr. Aron Ayar from Turner was here the same night & they set out for home on Saturday.

" 20th My father came from Turner and stoped at our house untill 23d. Fair & pleasant weather.

Nov. 5th Sunday. Mr. Hudgdon of Hollis preached in our meeting house. Quite moderate weather for the season, quite dry. There has been no rain for four weeks.

Capt. Murch came in from Boston, sold his cargo of boards there at 14½ dollars.

" 8 & 9 Wednesday & Thursday we were hauling of board to freight to Boston.

" 12th Capt. Sawyer raised the trap mill. the water is quite low as yet.

" 13th Monday. Miss Tilton of Saco had a leg taken off above her knee on account of a sore on her knee.
The measles are quite prevalent here, Mary Bradbury is now sick with them here. I brot my sheep in from the pasture today, 16 in number.

" 19 Sunday. Went to meeting in Saco; agreed with Mr. John Tapley for a seat in his pew for 3 months or more.

" 20 Monday. A vendue of Capt. Hoopers real estate, 2 thirds of the homested sold Capt. Moses Bradbury 1130 doll.

" 30 Thursday. A day of Thanksgiving.

Dec. 4th Monday. James Means sick with the measles. Thomas & Samuel have them.

" 7th Thursday. I killed four sheep & have twelve left. River frose over at night.

" 16th Saturday. Two or three vessels frose in up to the Falls but the people are endeavoring to get them down by cuting the ice.

" " Capt. Tristram Redman arived in Saco from the ship Victory belonging to Capt. Thomas Cutts haveing a cargo of long timber from Charleston in South Carolina bound to Europe. She foundered near the Grand Bank, the men all saved, ship lost. This was the same ship that the British ship or her men took from the Pool in 1814 and carried out but Cutts ransomed her for which he paid 6000 specie dollars.

We have fulled about 13,000 yds of cloth this Fall & have now about done fulling for the present.

Dec. 23 Saturday. Capt. Bradbury is aloging from his Hooper lot and is hauling them down on the ice.

" 24 Sunday. Rainy; carried the snow mostly off. (Note: No entry or mention made of Christmas)

" 30 Saturday. Fair weather all week past, not verry cold: the sleding is nought. I went to Alfred today on horseback, the ground is frosen acceding hard. Made return of the sale of estate of Capt. Hooper to probate. Probate fees 5.60 on this & making dividend. I returned in the evening, got home half past nine.

Jan. 1st 1816
Monday. Snow 10 inches deep, some drifted. Capt. Bradbury went up to Alfred to Court.

" 4th Thursday. Dry and cold weather. People are loging quite brisk here. Boards are worth 10 or 11 dollar at the mill. Hay about 14 dollars a ton; corn one dollar.

" 12th A snow storm verry drifting indeed. This is the third drifting snow that we have had. A plenty of snow but poor sleding, a great many places the ground is nearly bare and like to be so, I believe.

" 16 Rev. John Turner came home from a Mission, his family sick.

" 18 Thursday. I went to Kennebunk, very poor slaying. Andrew Tarbox began to go to school.

" 22 On Monday. I set out for Boston in the stage & arived at Boston Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Stoped eleven days (attending Legislature) then returned home in the stage. Got home Saturday night, 3d Feby. The stage run on wheels to & from Boston & have for 20 days past.

Feb. 11th Sunday. Quite pleasant after 3 days of verry cold weather. The ground is bare yet and the dust flew for some days past as in the drought of summer.

" 16th Fryday. Capt. Blaisted Hill deceased in this town. He had just arived from Boston when he was taken sick and died (in) about five days. Caused by a severe chill which he received coming home.

" 18th Sunday. Went to meeting to Saco. Mr. Turner has returned to mission again after having preached here four Sabbaths.

Came about 6 inches of snow last night, it being the first snow that we have had to do any good for this month of time.

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March 14th Nehemiah Bradbury came down to see about Eunice Cole, she having called on the town for help. She is now at Abigail Hoopers.

" 15th Miss Eunice Cole went from Mrs. Hoopers to Nehemiah Bradburys.

" 16th Saturday. Mrs. Hooper came and gave a lease of her mill at 1500 boards.

" 18th Monday. Eunice Cole was delivered of a daughter, belonging to the town I suppose.

" 27 Wednesday. Quite pleasant. I went up to the pasture to cut some fencing stuff and bushes. N. B. The ice grows weak above the mill. A team & horse & slay broke through below our bridge but got out again well.

" 28 Thursday. Mr. Bradbury hauled up a load of board to my pasture on wheels & verry muddy. A foot or more of snow in the woods and a considerable in open land.

" 29 Fryday. I got my cutting machine to work.

April 3d Quite cold, frose verry hard last night. Capt. Bradbury set out for Great Osipee in order to buy some logs.

" 4th Thursday. Fast Day in this State.

" 5th Fryday. Making highway tax.

" 6th Saturday. We went up to the powder house and we find that we have about 165 pounds of gun powder.

" 7th Sunday. The ice went out of the river below the falls. Quite cold raw weather & windy.

" 10th Wednesday. The ice went off above the Falls. We were hauling boards to the wharf & Thursday hauling boards. We hauled about 35,000 in all & poor bo boards too. Boards are now sold for ten dollars pr. M.

" 12 Fryday. Came ten or eleven inches of snow. I went up and helped swing the main boom & did it about 2 hours.

" 13 Saturday. Making highway tax. Tolerable good slaying today.

April 14th Sunday. Many slay to meeting today although quite poor slaying.

" 15th Monday. We were repairing our sawmill.

" 16th Tuesday. Raw & cold. Snow wastes but little. Deceased this day about sunset Betsy Pinkham, wife of Israel Pinkham. She had a child a week old which was baptised at her mothers funeral by the name of Betsy Pinkham. I was one of the pall bearers.

" 21 Sunday. Raw & cold. We went to meeting to Saco. Mr. Lord preached from Berwick.

" 22 Monday. Cloudy with scattering lite showers of rain and some hail. Verry backward spring this far; no ceed out in yet.

" 25 Wednesday. I went up to my pasture to try to make up some fence but the ground being so much frozen that I could not do anything at it.

May 4th We rafted 60 logs, the first we have rafted this Spring. The freshet quite moderate as yet.

" 12th Sunday. A smart rain raised the river quite high. Our logs began to run from Fryburgh; we have bought about 25 hundred at 3 dollars pr. thousand.

" 13th Monday. At the boom in the forenoon. At town meeting for representatives (to General Court). Voted to send two and chose Capt. Moses Bradbury. Then attempted to choose another but could not agree on one. Therefore after voting five times, agreed to send but one.

" 24 Our sawmill crank broke. We got it mended next day.

" 31 Died this day widow Emery, W. of Deacon James Emery late of Biddeford. Hung herself in the barn with a skein of yarn. There was nothing perceivable in her conduct previous to the act.
(Marginal note: Cuicide. Some simtoms of Delerium).

June 1st Saturday. Quite warm weather, very different from yesterday which was hard frost in morning.

" 2d Sunday. Quite pleasant. Mr. Nason preached here in the forenoon & Mr. Coggswell in the afternoon. Mr. Turner is out on a mission yet.

June 9th Sunday morning something of a frost. The weather has been very cold for three days past. The corn is but just up and I believe that it is cut down again.

" 10th Monday. Considerable hard frost this morning.

" 13th Buried, Dodivah Bickford of Biddeford, aged 77 years. His wife is still living.

" 28th I went to Limerick and Parsonfield and returned last of June. Cold backward weather; corn verry short indeed.

July 9th Something of a Frost last night.

The Eastern mill at Salmon Falls was burnt last night, or rather in the morning about sunrise. Quite unlucky mill. It has not been built two years as yet since it went away by the freshet.

" 13th Fair and tolerable warm & verry dry. Some people have began to cut hay but it is said there will not be more than one third of a common crop of hay. Corn is not more (than) half leg high.

My father, Abel Merrill, was born in June, 1748.

July, (no date) The inhabitants of the District of Maine are to meet in each town on the first Monday of September 1816 to give in their vote for & against the Separation and to choose deligates to meet at Brunswick on the last Monday in September. The votes to be returned to that convention and if five ninths of votes actually thrown are in favor then the deligates are to procede to form a Constitution of form of Government.

" 28 Sunday. This is the second Sunday that Mr. Turner has preached since his return from his missionary rout.

People have cut but a little hay yet, those latter showers have brot forward the grass in some small measure but we conclude there will not be more than one half of a common crop.

August 1st Thursday. Mr. Dame mowed my grass and verry small crop. Hay is sold now for 20 dollars or more.

" 10th Saturday. Jere Cole Stimson hauled down a load of hay for me, called it 21 hundred. Corn is now silked in part, say perhaps one quater part & believe not more.

(This separate note appears):

August 11

3d I bought/cwt. of hay of Jacobs Roads	$11.00
9th Bought 19½ of Dolleff	19.50
10th Do. 20-21 cwt. Jere C. Stimson	25.00
6th March Bought 18 cwt.	27.00
	78.50 (so written)

August 11th Sunday. Mr. Turner is now gone to Boston with his wife. This is the second Sunday that he has been absent on his visit westward.

" 21 On Wednesday night a considerable of Frost that killed the corn in many places. It had ben verry warm and growing weather a week before. Corn is not fit to roast yet, not in any wise.

" 29th Water exceeding low so that we cannot grind at all & our sawmill is just about to stop for want of water.

Septm. 2d Monday. Town meeting on account of Separation.
Votes for Separation were 43
Votes against Separation were 88

Chose Jere Hill Esq., & Daniel Cleaves Esq., deligates to meet in convention at Brunswick on the last Monday in September instant.

Septm. 3d Went to Arundel as one of the commite to straighten the road from Dummers Mitchell to near the widow Towne and we awarded the damages as follows: To Dummer Mitchell one dollar & to Daniel Mitchell 15 dollars. William Lewis 25 dollars, to Robert Handscomb 100 dollars, to Mr. Miller 11 dollars, to Samuel Hutchins 15 dollars, to Heirs of John Perkins, deceased, 10 dollars & to John Huff 11 dollars, to Mr. Burbank 1.50 cents.

(Committee were) Daniel Sewall, Daniel Granger, Edmund Coffin, Nehemi Bradbury, Samuel Merrill.

Septm. 6th Fryday. Capt. Asa Stevens of Saco was buried with the attendance of his Brother Free Masons in this place. He died in Boston & was put in a tared sheet and then into a coffin and brought by water.

Septm. 11th Frost at night, not verry hard, killed some. There has been a Frost every month this summer. Corn we do believe will be verry light indeed. A verry excessive drought; I think I never saw the river lower than it is now is. We cannot saw or grind now.

Septm. 23d General Muster.

Septm. 25 Hard frost at night, killed the corn generally that was not killed before. The water I think is the lowest in the river that I ever saw it. Our mills have all stoped except the fulling mill & that does scarcely go any.

" 30th Monday. Mrs. Merrill & Samuel went to Buxton. verry exceeding dry yet... Our mills have all stoped & I believe almost every fulling mill in the District of Maine.

It is said the spot in the sun is to be seen yet. The smoke for these number of days has been verry uncommon thick in so much that we cannot see more than a quarter of a mile at noonday & is so thick as to affect the eyes some, which I think I never saw the like before.
The smoke is so verry thick off at sea that it is as bad as fog in the daytime. The coasters are at a loss.

October 22 Tuesday. Verry rainy day and the first soaking rain I believe that has been for three months or more. It is said to have been the greatest drought that has been for more than 20 years. Our sawmill lay still about one month and more than half of the mills on these Falls.

" 26 Saturday. A smart southeast storm raised the river one foot more. The water now is I believe 3 feet at least higher than it was at the lowest time.

Note. Close of first volume of Merrill diary.
The following special entries appear on the covers.
Inside front cover: "General George Washington took his seat as President, April 30th 1789, six years after he had disbanded his army."
Inside back cover: "Portoricoa (Porta Rica) place to shiping hides to America & they raise two crops of corn in a year."

Volume II begins:

November 18th, 1816 Monday. We began to haul boards to the schooner Hiram and finished loading Thursday beforennon, then hauled 18,000 to Capt Lewis Young at twelve dollars.

Nov. 24 Sunday. Some cloudy. Came about 9 inches of snow at night and clared off cool.

" 27 Joseph Plaisted came to our house from river driveing. They left the logs at Little Falls and next day he went home.

Nov. 28 Thursday. Thanksgiving day, pleasant and verry good slaying today & has ben week past.

" 29th Fryday. Moderate. The river catched over last night above & below the Falls.

Decm. 18 We hauled boards to the Ferry on wheels, the sleding being gone although considerable snow in the woods & some in open grounḍ.

" 22 Sunday. Quite cold & fair weather. Mr. Persia Bickford was buried on Fryday last. Died with a consumption I suppose.

(Note: No entry for Christmas Day)

" 26th Thursday. Jere C. Stimson drove down his stears & brot some hay & left them for me to work awhile.

" 28th Quite warm yesterday and the snow is mostly gone in open ground. We have hauled about 65,000 ft. of Boards to the lower ferry upon wheels this week but the wheeling is not verry good now, too much thawed. Corn is sold at 2.33 pr. bushel now.

Jan. 1817 1st Cyrus Bryant, a child of Stephen Bryant, about six years old, was drowned in the river a little above our mill. Fell in a hole in the ice & went immediately under.

" 4th Had a cause before Daniel Granger Esq., with John Hooper on account of his parish tax and Granger gave his opinion that said Hooper is not a member of the 2d Society in Biddeford and we appealed..

Came a smart rain that raised the river some. We cut logs out of the ice.

Jan 20th Monday. Verry cold, the ground is bare at present. Old Mr. Johnson died yesterday, a town pauper and had been for two years or more dependant on Biddeford.

" 24 Fryday. Came about 8 inches of snow.

" 27 Monday. The sleding tolerable good. Wee began to haul boards to load the schooner Hiram at the lower ferry.

Feb. 6 Fair weather mostly since the snow above, with one or two flirts of snow. Sleding good. We finished hauling for the schooner load. It has been verry cold for two weeks past, the river has been frosen over down the Jordans point mostly for ten days past.

" 18th Moses Bradbury maried to Mary B.

Feb. 25th Seth Fairfield chosen Capt. in the Company.

March 10th Monday. Town meeting at the lower parish. Selectmen: Nathaniel Goodwin, Thomas Smith & Samuel Merrill. Tything men, R. T. Jordan Esq., Israel Lassell & myself and took the oath.

" 13th Thursday. A parish meeting chose oficers: Edw. Coffin, clerk, Capt. Bradbury, George Thacher Junr., & Saml. Merrill, Assessors.
Voted to raise 300 dollars for parish expenses, chose a committee to procure a preacher for a limited time (there is said to be 90 dollars now due to Mr. Turner and but little in any of the collectors hands that can ever be collected. Therefore we shall have but about 200 dollars to lay out for preaching the present season. Also chose George Thacher agent for parish to defend the suit of John Hooper & any others that may happen.

" 16th Sunday. I went to meeting in Saco.

" 22 I agreed with David Libbey of Saco to hire a seat for two persons in his pew in the meeting house at Saco. I subscribed and paid five dollars to Missionary Society of Saco and Biddeford a few weeks ago. Paid in to Capt. Moody.

April 1st Quite pleasant. Stephen Worth got hurt something bad by a pry which struck upon his head. They brot him into our house and he remained there a number of days quite feeble.

" 2d Wednesday. Deceased this morning 1 o'clock, the wife of Aaron Gray of this town with canserous humour which broke out in a number of sores before her death. Buryed on Thursday which is Fast Day. Mr. Webster attended.

" 10th We were hauling boards and Amaziah Berry with Springs team hauled 6 load for us to Capt. Murches schooner on freight.

" 11th Hauling boards again. Amaziah Berry hauled all day. Hauled 9 load.
The ice went mostly off last night and all cleared off below the great boom today. The boom being hung, the ice and logs has now filled up nearly to Major Coles. The ice went out in so that some vessels eame up to the wharf the 6th which was Sunday.

Departed this life yesterday Captain Lewis Young of Biddeford with a fever. Was taken at Boston and came home in the stage about 2 weeks ago.

April 17th Thursday. Loicy Worth had her leg taken off by reason of haveing a white swelling upon her knee. A few days ago a daughter of Nathanel Scammon of Saco had her leg taken off. She was about ten or twelve years of age; also had a swolen knee.

" 21 Monday. Fair and raw cold. Verry backward Spring thus far, many people are out of hay and a verry distressing time. Hay is sold now at thirty dollars a ton.

" 24 Thursday. We were hauling boards in the forenoon. It stormed in the afternoon mostly of snow so that the ground was covered two or three inches deep.

" 25th A little more moderate, the snow wasted away in the afternoon. The season is quite backward, I believe that the people have put in but a little and as yet the frost is hardly out of the ground.

Joshua Hill Bradbury was chosen Lieutenant and Amaziah Berry,Ensign, last week in this company.

Death of Gen'l.King, which hapned on fryday 25 day of April. He was taken ill on the Sunday before with a press fever it is said.
He was buried on tuesday, 29th, under arms. The light infantry from Buxton attended and the artilery at Saco. Also Capt. Seth Fairfield Company of Biddeford and a verry great number of citizens marched to the meeting house, heard a sermon preached by Mr. Coggswell from Isaiah 2 & 22.

May 2d Death of Benja. Berry. Deceased the day before yesterday and buried today. Carried into the meeting house and Nath'l. Webster attended the funeral. Also buried the day and hour at the same place a child of Edmund Perkins, about two years old.

" 3d The house of Pelatiah Bickford was consumed by fire and lost the principal part of the house furniture.

" 5th Monday. There was a subscription paper circulated for the relief of Pelati Bickford and something handsome subscribed. I gave him fifteen dollars cash.

" 8th Jere C. Stimson moved his family from Hollis to Biddeford.

" 12th Town meeting for Representative (to General Court) and chose Capt. Moses Bradbury.
Put up Hariot Bickford, a pauper, daughter of Jane Greely, at vendue, She being at Jabez Gordons and Capt. William Benson bid her off at 48 cents pr. week.

May 19th Monday. I with Capt. Nath'l. Goodwin & Major Rishworth Jordan were appointed to apprais of property of Samuel Dennet to Capt. Abner Sawyer to the amount of 405 dollars & we attended that service and set off one half of the (Dennet) Grist Mill to satisfy said execution.

" 25 Sunday. Capt. Bradbury set sail for Boston with Capt. Murch, to attend at the General Court.

" 27 Tuesday.night departed this life Alason Smith of this town. He had been confined nearly all winter, about 81 years of age.

June 1st Sunday. Mr. Turner returned from Smithfield in Rhoad Island for to visit his family & he went to Kennebunk to preach today. Did not preach here because he had not an invitation in season, which is quite a disappointment to the people of our parish.

" 2d Monday. A considerable frost to be seen this morning. It has been verry cold and backward for these three weeks past and vegitation of every kind is verry backward indeed.

" 8 Sunday. Mr. Turner preached in our meetinghouse & has engaged to preach the next Sabbath & that only.

" 10 Tuesday. A fine rain. The season is quite backward; apple trees are about the highth of bloom.

" 13th Fryday. Capt. Wilson sailed in the ship Young Hero for Alexandria, carried Mrs. Tryphosa Cole, and her three children with him, who belong to Philadelphia she being the wife of Capt. Thomas Cole formerly of Biddeford or rather his widow. The names of the children were Elizabeth, Mary & Leah. We had news of the death of Capt. John Hand, the father of Mrs. Cole, a few days ago but did not let her know before her sailing. Thought it best not to let her know it untill just before her arival there.

(Later note) Capt. Wilson arived in 14 days after sailing & all well at their arival.

July 1st I with my brother Thomas & his wife went to the Beach at the mouth of the river and the day after he set out for Buxton & homewards.

" 7th Monday. We had town meeting for to make some arrangements to escort the President (James Monroe) into this town. Chose a committee of arrangements.

July 15th The President of the United States arived at Biddeford this day 2 o'clock and an escort from Biddeford and Saco met him near Isaac Bickford's and the Committee from Biddeford delivered him a short address there, and conducted him to Saco line when Saco committee took charge of him. Took him to John Cleaves.

August 1st Tolerable good weather although the season is verry backward. In this town the people are but beginning to cut their hay and it is generally conceived that there will not be more hay cut this year than there was last year. Grain is said to be verry good.

" 9th Saturday. A number of smart showers so that it raised the river nearly one foot. People are now about cutting their grain and it is said to be remarkably good.

" 11th Monday. I attended as one of the bearers at the funeral of Lieut. Richard Goodwin who died yesterday in the 55th year of his age with a consumptive complaint.

" 15th Fryday. A smart rain last night, and this morning I with Capt. Goodwin went down to Capt. Thos. Smith on a visit. Quite pleasant afternoon.

" 16th Saturday. Myself with the other selectmen were laying out or widening the highway from the lower bridge to Esq. Peirsons'.

" 17th Sunday. Parson Rand from Gorham preached at Saco. Text 23 verse in the book of Jude - "and others save with fear puling them out of the fire."

" 18th Monday. Fair and fine hay weather. People have not done haying by a considerable yet and a verry scant crop too, it is said not more than there was last year. Hay is sold or has been sold from ten to fifteen dollars a ton.

" 30 Saturday. Fine weather. Corn I think is geting along verry well although quite backward. New barley is sold now for one dollar. Bush. hay is sold now for about fifteen dollars.

Sept. 4th I bought some hay today at 13 dollars pr. ton.

Septm. 6th Saturday. Mr. Lawson arived here and Preached his first sermon with us on Sunday 7th of Septm. 2 Sunday is 14th text Peter 5th, & 5th afternoon.

Septm. 25 On Thursday night a small frost. Did not kill anything of consequence. The corn has got almost out of the way of the Frost and I believe a tolerable crop.

Taken from a Kennebunk newspaper:
We publish by desire the following anonymous letter addressed to and received by the Revd. Nath'l. N. Fletcher about the time of its date through the medium of the post office. Its author was wholly unknown untill two weeks since, when it was assertained to be from the pen of the Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf; he having been waited on by two Gentlemen of Mr. Fletcher's parish with the letter, which he acknowledged to have been written by him. The reader is left to make his own comment.

August, 1816

Revd. Sir:

You will excuse me for troubling you in this manner when you understand the motive from which this communication springs - you will believe me when I say that I am one of your verry best friends and that I take this way of sending this letter by droping it secretly into the post office and have disguised my handwriting in order to save my feelings and your own. While your enemies have said many things against you, your real friends have long felt anxious that you should know something of their mind, & I feel safe in saying that I speak the sentiments of the greater part of your people & among them of your best friends. Within a few years the public opinion has change in regard to doctrines and in regard to religious things generally - this is strikingly the case in this Society - the doctrines generally called Calvinistick which seven years ago were not well received are now the more popular. Hence you may account for the desire, which no doubt you often hear expressed, that you should exchange with Calvinistick ministers and not with such as Mr. Webster. The people have begun to see that you do not preach as other ministers do. When Mr. Califf or Mr. Greenleaf preach here, or when they happen anywhere to hear other preaching, they do see there is a difference. Your real friends see these things & lament them. They see with sorrow, as you must see also, as soon as any become verry serious they leave the meeting and either go to the Baptist or stay at home - and when they can, go either over to Wells or Arundel. This is not the case at Arundel and Wells - in those places when people become serious they go to meeting the more.

Con't.

When people here are asked the reason of this they say they cannot be edified by your preaching. That you do not preach like a converted man yourself - they say that in your preaching you seldom or never insist on repentance for sin or the necessity of a change of heart in order to Salvation. They say that the chief strain of your preaching has of late been to persuade people to join the church, and not to become new creatures. I most confess there is too much truth in this - your preaching seems to rest on the outward works while the heart is left out. There is another thing which to us looks misterious, the people have understood that at Mr. Payson's ordination there was some difficulty and that you appeared to be satisfied & acted with the Orthodox part of the counsel - but you do not preach as Mr. Payson does.

Dear sir, believe me, your people are all eyes and ears to see and hear all they can about this matter. All your movements are verry narrowly watched both by friends and foes, not however for the sake of putting you down but to discover what will take place. They have tried to find out the opinion of the neighbouring ministers of the Calvinistick stamp and are anxious to know whether any of them will change with you. Mr. Greenleaf has preached here several times though very much against the will of his people and as far as we can hear he does it from a sense of duty and perhaps will continue to. We cannot find that Mr. Coggswell or Mr. Payson has ever said that they will not exchange though from what I can hear they will not untill they can find you preach out something which in private conversation with them you pretend to hold. As for what I can believe they are pretty well satisfied with your conversation in private and did you but preach openly the same sentiment they would gladly be in fellowship with you. Will you not, dear sir, be advised by one who is really a true friend to your best interest if you do believe in the total depravity of the heart, the necessity of its being changed and other doctrines of the same kind, as in private conversation with other ministers you pretend to - why do you not preach something about it. The opinion of the bulk of the people has changed in regard to these things and did you desire to be popular you could not take a more ready way than to preach as Mr. Coggswell, Mr. Greenleaf or Mr. Payson does. It grieves and mortifies your friends to see you becoming unpopular as you certainly are, and this Society going down while others are riseing. This certainly is the fact. Scarce a Sunday but more or less of this congregation go either to Wells or Arundel to meeting or to the Baptist but when do any of them come here, scarce ever when you are home. Do think if it is not so. Whence it is but that there is a difference in the preaching.

Con't. It is true that there are many joining your church and we cannot find that they are any more religious than they were before. Still we find that to get people to join the church is the great point both of your late preaching, & of your conversation with your people. - These things stagger the minds of some of your real friends. This has induced me to address you in this manner. I entreat you not to be offended nor to try to find me out. These are things that I believe it necessary you should know and I could not say them to your face. They are in substance what I believe are in the minds of three-fourths of the people. Do, I entreat of you, consider whether it is not as I have stated and whether there is not a material differance between your preaching and the preaching of those ministers I have mentioned - whether theirs is not more agreeable to the Scriptures and whether you can expect them to have fellowship. Will you or your parish long hold together when you pretend to one set of sentiments in private conversation and preach others.

Sept.

p. 30th Tuesday night, quite a hard frost, so hard that (it) killed the corn and potatoes - all that were green. However they had got mostly out of the way of it and corn I think is tolerable good & potatoes verry good.

I went to the powder house and took out 14 3/4 lb for Capt. Fairfields Company and 11 lb for Capt. Bensons Company, for a Gen'l. Muster which is to be at Benja Simpsons at Saco.

Oct.

6th General Muster at Saco. A verry fine day for the business.

Died suddenly in the training field after the Regiment was dismissed, Samuel Scammon. He was some in liquor, got into a rangle with Amos Joss and had just separated when Scammon fell backward and expired.

30th Thursday. Deceased at Hollis, Obed Foss, Junr., about 22 years of age. Had been sick about 5 or 6 months with a consumption & was buried on Saturday the first of Novm. It is generally believed that he died a Christian, if so it may with propriety be said that to live with Christ is far better than to live in this world of sin.

Nov.

2d. Buried this day Mrs. Wheelock, wife of Mr. Jesse Wheelock, lately of Biddeford, An aged woman; by decay of Nature.

4th Yearly Thanksgiving. Tolerable pleasant day. I went to meeting to Saco. Text. 116th Psalm - what shall I render to God for all his benefits toward me.

9th Deceased in this town Daniel Cleaves, Esq, buried Fryday 12th. The scholars of academy walked forward, then fire society and then the corpse, then mourners road in Slays because it is snowy.

Dec. 11th Deceased on Thursday morning 11th, William Wadlin of Hollis suddenly; it appears that he went out a hunting after partridges & had killed 3 or 4 and it seems that the last thing he did was to discharge his gun which was heard about sunset but he was not found until next morning. He was then found speechless and remained so until he died which was the night following.

Dec. 12th Snow storm fell 6 or 8 inches of snow. The river has been partly cached over for some days past but not fairly closed up yet.
We sent our team out a loging to Grate Osipee, it started the 11th day on wheels.

Sunday 21 day December verry cold and some snow fell.
Monday verry cold, I was hauling logs out of the river.
Tewsday I went to Buxton with Mrs. Merrill, my sister Payne being sick & deranged.
Wednesday I went to Turner after my sister Ayer & brought to Buxton.

25 Thursday. It rained while I was at Turner and carried the snow almost off. I set out homeward, came as far as Mr. True Woodman & stoped that night. Fryday I came on to Buxton through Standish and a tolerable good ice road.
Saturday I came home & the ice was almost all gone for a mile or two from home.
I left my sister Payne appearantly better. She had slept mostly for two nights and days - and she remained better although she has not taken much care of her house to the present time (August 1818 --)

Jan. 3rd 1818 It has been very moderate for these twelve days past, verry good for sawing.

Jan. 15th Wednesday Capt. Moses Bradbury set out for Boston, he being a Representative the present year to end in May next.

Capt. Murch arived from Boston in the Schr. Hiram and brought a young man, son of Mr. John Murch at Biddeford who died in Boston. He had just arived from a West India voyage with Capt. Samuel Emery, taken in the W. Indies with a relax and was sick all the way homeward and died in Boston.

25th Rev. John Turner moved his family from Biddeford to Kingston in N. Hampshire.

[illegible]by. 3 d Deceased this morning Moses Stevens of Biddeford, son of Joseph S -. He lately came from the W. Indies on voyage with Capt. Samuel Emery. He died with a W. I. fever it is supposed.

Jany. 25th 1818 — Sunday evening. We had a lecter at our house preached by Rev. John Turner a few days before he moved his family from here text - - escape for thy life look not behind the &c. - Lot in Sodom.

Feby. 15th — Sunday evening a meeting at our house. Sermon read by Doctr. Shannon.

Feby. 24 — Tewsday evening We had a lector by Rev. Jonathn Coggswell, text - Felix trembled and said go thy way for the present and when I have a convenient season I will call for thee.

March 1st — Sunday evening. A prayer lector sermon read by Doctr. Shannon text - come with all thy family into the Ark refering to Noah.

" 8th — Sunday evening a meeting at Wd. Hoopers. Doctr Shannon attende and read a sermon.

" 15th — A meeting at our house, sermon read by Shannon, Martha, Martha thou art troubled about many things, but Mary hath chosen the good part &c.

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Feby. 7 Saturday. We put in a new Bolt cloth

" 8 Sunday. I went to meeting at Saco.

" 16th Died at Saco Widow Dennet wife of Nicholas Dennet who died some years ago.

Also died verry suddenly at Saco Elisha Staples, Junr. He had complained but an hour or two before, fainted and died. Left his wife with 7 or 8 children & mostley small, one died a few days ago.

" 23 Samething cold. We took up the day in setling with Phineas McIntire.

" 27 & 28th Had teams hauling boards to the ferry.

March 2d Monday. Deceased this day at Saco Deacon Amos Chase aged ninety nine years & two mo. A verry aged and according to common report a verry good man. His mind was strong and I believe he died in full faith of riseing to that blessed abode prepared for the humble followers of Christ. I have been informed that he did not wish for any to pray for his continuance but wished to be with Christ which is far better.

" 14th Monday. The water so high that the fulling will not go but I have but one stock cloth to full at present.

" 16th Saco Singing Society met at the school house, Saco. Chose these officers: Daniel Grainger, Esq. President, Josiah Calef, Vice President, EnochGoodale & Seth S. Fairfield, Choristers. Voted that the members pay in to the Secretary, Luther Livingston, fifty cents for this year.

" 25th Wednesday. Mr. Loring from Buxton attended a lector at our house and verry full meeting. Text: And they all with one consent began to make excuse.
Thursday evening Mr. Loring preached at Saco. Text: Is it well with thee, is it well with thy husband, is it well with the child.
Fryday, meeting at school house. Text: How shall we escape if we escape so great salvation (?)

" 28 Saturday. Snowed mostly all day. Verry good sleding today. The people swung the main boom today.

March 29 Sunday. Rev. Levi Loring from Buxton preached here. Text: Judges 3d & 20th: I have a message from God unto thee. Afternoon: Matt. 6th & 33: First seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Mr. Loring gave a lector at Mr. Phineas McIntires on the Sabbath evening and a verry full meeting too.

April 2d Thursday. Fast Day. Went to meeting to Saco. Began to snow in the afternoon and came about 6 inches of most snow.

" 6th Monday. There is now about 6 inches of solid snow & hail. It has been foul weather ever since Thursday last and mostly snow & hail and some rain. A quite moderate storm, the ground is not frozen any at present except the old frost.

" 9 Thursday it rained considerable the water is so high that our saw & grist mill both have stoped. We hauled logs on to the bridge--there is no logs came to the boom as yet.

Fryday rain and snow moderately the River continues rising. This is the 9th day that stormed of Hail Snow and Rain.& I believe the sun has not been seen with us but a few time if at all for the term of nine days past.

About 20th The logs began to come tolerably well and we begin to saw and grind--the season is verry backward there is little or no seed put into the ground.

Sunday 26th The Rev. Mr. Turner Preached with us he came here on Wednesday last and preached a lector at N. Bradbury on fryday at 4 oclock gave us three sermons on Sunday and quite an interesting meeting mett at Josiah Stimson after meeting after the 3d meeting and prayer by Mr. Turner & Is. Pinkham & Mr. Turner addressed the church members and exhorted them to pray for sinners which is their duty and not to feint.

April 27th Monday. We had a school class meeting Committee consisted of three, Saml Peirson, Esq. Doctr Ezra Dean & Saml Merrill.

" 30th Comittee met and agreed to hire a Mr. Brown of Buxton to keep a school for three months at thirty dollars Pr. month.
Also agreed to hire Mifs Hannah Moody to teach a school for about 8 months a(t) fourteen dollars Pr. month to Board themselves both of them.

May 2d A verry smart rain indeed but short, raised the river to a higher pitch than it has been this spring before. However the logs do not come verry fast which is quite favorable. Capt. Bradbury is now up to Fryeburgh with an intent to buy logs. We have rafted 5 or 6 hundred logs that are from G. Osipee. Our mill is stoped by the freshet and we are some in fears that it will go down stream.

School Our school began 11th day of May on Monday.

Salt marsh 16th Saturday I went down to Little River to measure some marsh that I bought of the Estate of Capt. Noah Hooper and sold to Capt. Wm. Benson. *****

May 25th Monday. Verry warm and this is the third warm day and vegetation begins to look well.
Tuesday warm. We are hauling off board to Capt. Higgins at eight dollar Pr. M. Capt. Murch arrived from Boston, sold his boards there for ten dollars & a quarter.
Sunday. Went to meeting at Saco and a Mr. Allen from the new college at Dartmouth as President. Forenoon text Matthew V. chapt. 16th verse-Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good work and glorify your father which is in heaven.
Afternoon Zachariah 9th chapt. & 12th. Turn up to the strong holds ye prisoners of hope.
5 oclock. A prayer meeting at our house. Doctor Shannon attended and read a short sermon on (as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so also must the son of man be lifted up.)

" 31 Monday. Verry smart rain in the forenoon. We all went up to the boom in the forenoon. The boom is verry full of logs, the water rather moderate though it has risen some by this rain.

June 6th Saturday. Mr. Jotham Sewall called at our house and he preached three sermons on Sunday first, 18th Luke God be merciful to me a sinner 2d John 3d 3d Except a man be borne again he cannot see the Kingdom of God....3d at six oclock I have a message from God unto thee.....Tuesday at 5 oclock he preach at the school house near Capt. Freemans.. the word of God is quick and powerful sharper than any two edged sword.

June 8th Monday. Came on a verry smart rain raised the river about as high as it has been any time this spring and a great many logs in the boom but by exertion and puting on cables they held. The boom caused the logs to jamb above at the little pier and dam above the boom so that the logs did not press verry hard against it---it is supposed that there is twelve thousand logs or more now at the boom and they cannot raft any until the water falls some--the west side boom is about full suppose that there is three thousand log or more in that. On the whole we have had verry high and verry many freshets this spring but the logs have been saved remarkably as yet.

" 14th Sunday. I went to meeting to Saco. Mr. Coggswell administered the sacrament and there were aded to the Church ten persons, 4 males and six females Thos. Staples, Edmund Scammon, James Rumery & William Hooper of Saco--Tabitha Cole & five others.

We had a meeting at our house at 5 oclock. Doctor Shannon read a discourse---Speaking of Christ that he went about doing good.

" 20th Mr. Thomas Adams returned again from Brookfield which was on Saturday and he preached on Sunday. Tuesday morning he went to New Gloucester to the meeting of the Missionary Society of main.

" 27th Sunday. Mr. Adams preached in the forenoon Luke V-32 I came not to call the righteous but sinner to repentance. Mr. Coggwell preached afternoon.

" 19th Fryday. News of the death of Arthur Murch son of Capt. William Murch of this town. He was on board of Capt. William Stevens & died on his pasage home ward bound.

July 5th Departed this life the wife James Hood a short consumption, left one child. The funeral on Monday the 6th attended by Mr. Thomas Adams who was preaching with us. Mr. Adams left here Wednesday morning after being with us four sabbaths after the first too sabbath.

" 17th On fryday last the meeting house in Saco was sold at vendue on account of some difference between Deacon Scamman as one of the committee in building the house. It was bid of by Nicholas Scamman & he shut it up and nailed down the windows and the Sunday following Mr. Rand from Gorham exchanged with Mr. Coggswell and he (Mr. Rand) came over to Biddeford and preached in our meeting house and some of the Saco people came over to meeting but not verry many of them.

July 19th — Sunday. Departed this life Widow Elizabeth Cole Consort of Capt. Jeremiah Cole of Biddeford, who was accidentally killed by a mill log rolling over him at Limerick more than thirty years ago- the above Widow Cole was seventy two years old and died with old age and palsy complaint etc.- Revrend Mr. Coggswell attend the funeral and preached a sermon from Ecclesiastus IX . a. 10...

August 10th — We began to frame our Saw mill and we finished framing on Monday following 17th August. 18th tuesday we began to pull down the old mill and we got it to go again in three weeks.

Sept. 10th — General muster at Saco his Excelency John Brooks reviewed.

Sept. 12th — Deceased on Saturday 12th Sept. Mr. Daniel Cole of Biddeford with a consumption buried on Monday attended by the brother Masons.

Timothy Williams — This Timothy Williams came to our town on fryday night Oct. 9th and preached a lecture on Saturday afternoon. There was a Mr. Kindrick from Pittstown came with an advertisement where in was said that said W. had no licence to preach at the present. Therefore they say that he is imposing on the people. Williams goes on westward and Mr. Kindrick stops to preach with us.

Nov. 30th — Master David Smith from Buxton who had been keeping school in our class left keeping on account of his bad health and he returned home on fryday the day after Thanksgiving.

Dec. 3rd — Thanksgiving (Thursday). The river froze over this night.

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Jan. 17th — We have sold the schooner Hiram at Alexandria for 2600 dollars at four months credit & we are now making preparation to build an other in co. with Danl Foss & Wm. P. Hooper. We think to build one about one hundred tons. Mr. Simeon Goodwin has undertaken to do the carpenter work at seven dolls & a half pr. ton and Mr. Saml Storer has agreed to do the iron work at $3.50 pr. hundred for working the iron.

Jany. 25 — Monday. We have had verry moderate spell of weather for a number of days past. The snow is now all gone. We had a day or two of poor sleding last week. There has not been a day of good sleding

this winter as yet. The ice is so much wasted that we cut a channel up to our raft of logs nearly against Mr. Dames.

Feby. 10th Wednesday. Verry pleasant. The ground is thawed considerable deep and the ice is mostly thawed away below the bridge. The like I think has not been since my recollection before it has been moderate almost all the time since January came in and we have not had a day of good sleding this winter.

Feby. 13th Saturday. Came about 5 inches of snow and drifted. Sunday went to meeting in our slay.

Feby. 18th Thursday. I attended at the trial of Jacob Cockrain (Cochrane) two charges one Cohabiting with the wife Valentine Clark in presence of Miss Polly King who gave in Testimony that she saw Mr. Cockrain lying by the fire in the kitchen in said Clarks house--another charge against said Cockrain for having carnal doings with Eliza Hill, she being sick and he attempting to cure her by laying with her etc. Court adjourned to tomorrow at nine o'clock. He is bound in the sum of 1800 Hundred dollars & he procured 2 bond men for appr. to court.

Feby. 26th Fryday. A smart snow storm came a laye foot of snow. Monday firs day of March verry good sleding now and the first that has been this winter. Hay is worth ten dollars this winter generally.

Tuesday.

Mar. 16th Snow storm came 5 inches & cleared of at night. Wednesday verry high a verry tedious day indeed.

A Mr. Samuel Tarbox a son to Sarah Haven so called He & his wife both perished with the cold. They lived in Standish at a mile & a half from a neighbor. He first went to get some meal it is said and returning home got within call of the house & could get no further and his wife went to him but could not relieve him therefore she set out to go for assistance but perished on the way. They left four children at the house, the eldest nine years.

Mar. 29th Monday. I went to Lyman to Luke Brock on account of his farm and I have agreed to let him have it a while longer. He has made in note & otherwise payment of about 270 dollars.

Mar. 29th Capt. Benja. Gillpatrick died on Sunday last being 28 day of March, buried on Tuesday caried to Capt. Murches and the funeral was then attended to by Rev. Nathl Webster. Fast day April the first day. The snow is now about three feet deep. Good sleding in morning.

April 3rd Saturday. Quite a pleasant day. We were hauling logs on the ice under the bridge & go off at Dames. Snow 2½ feet deep. Good sleding in morning. Sunday night came smart but short rain. Monday warm and the snow run of verry freely, raised the river nearly three feet and setled the snow one half or more in open land.

April 7th Wednesday. Tolerable pleasant, the sleding is nearly done and quite here about. Thursday it rained some, cleared off. In the afternoon I went up to McIntire Land to secure some logs. Went through the snow more than half leg deep.

April 11th It rained at night and raised the river considerable.

April 12th The river cleared off from ice above the falls It went out below 4 or 5 days ago, the ice being thick above the falls and the freshet being pretty full. The ice & a few logs came against the boom and it break it and there was an hundred or two of logs went over the falls.

April 18th Sunday. A storm of hail and snow & rain. The river is something high, verry backward this spring. People have not began to plow any yet at all.

April 24th Sunday. Rain and windy & quite cold. There has been no plowing done yet this spring. There is some spots of snow yet in open ground, remnants of drifts.

April 30th I am a plowing now for planting. It is rather dry at present and the river has falen two feet or more.

May 1st Saturday. Quite warm. We are hauling boards today & sell them at Eight dollars pr. thousand.

May 8th Mr. Walker began to board with us also began to preach on Sunday 9th.

May 16th Sunday. Smart rain and Monday raised the water so much that it endangered the boom and we put on some cables.
Tuesday the water stoped rising and fell 2 inches & fair weather but Wednesday it began to rise again and rise until fryday morning. About 1 oclock afternoon the boom gave away and the logs came down piled on west side of the Island and held fast. The remainder stoped on the other side of Island a little while but verry soom Capt. Spring double mill went away then one pier of the bridge went and the logs in a measure went too.
Boom broke 21 of May. W. Side boom cut away the night following.

May 22nd Saturday. Departed this life Capt. James Carlisle with a kind of Consumtion or he had a bad humour and it became a sore on his foot and by washing his feet in cold water it threw the inflamation in to his head which was attended with the loss of reason and he continued in that state until death which was about eighteen days. He was buried on Sunday 23rd, The bearers were Esq. Gray, Esq. Goodwin, Esq. Coffin, Capt. Maxwell, William Googins & myself.

May 24 Monday. I set out for Boston an arrived there Tuesday, 25th.
Wednesday gen. election at Boston. I stoped at Boston until 19th June--then set out for home Sunday morning at two oclock and arived home a-
June 20 bout 6 oclock in the evening.
Deceased about two weeks ago Capt. Thomas Smith of this town with a consumption.

June 24 Deceased Jotham Gillpatrick Junr. with a consumption died rather sudden finally.

July 1st The selectmen indented John Lee to Edward Crosby of Orleans County Barnstable to learn the trade (of) joiner, carpenter and boat builder. Said John Lee being 14 years of age in Nov. 28th next which will make him 21 years of age in 1826. His older brother Thomas Lee was bound to Capt. James Higgin a month or two ago.

July 14 Mr. Enoch Smith of this Town died instantly without any warning at all. He set at the table and eat his breakfast and moved back from the table and died. Buried next day. Mr. Walker attended the funeral.

July 18th — Sunday. Drowned this day Eunice Wood daughter of Aaron Wood of Saco. She was living at Capt. Spring, she went and got into a boat some distance above the bridge and pushed of into the stream and floated down and went through the sluice where the mill used to stand. The boat after going over safe strick against a rock or slab that lay against a rock and she standing up was thrown out of the boat and drowned and was taken up in about two hours afterward and jury of 18 persons were called and gave their verdict that it was accidental death-buried next day carried to her mothers at Saco and funeral there.

Town meeting on account of seperating the district of main from Massachusetts Proper. This meeting to take a vote of the people. Votes in favor were 50 and against 49.

August first — Sunday. Verry warm and has been for some days. A verry growing season, corn looks well. Hay is sold for six dollars Pr. Ton verry good crop there has been a plenty of wet and for two months past verry warm.

Sept. 13th — Monday. Departed this Life Stephen Bryant of this town, funeral at the meeting house and Mr. Walker preached a sermon - I am a stranger and a sojourner in a strang land:

Sept. 17th — Capt. Jotham Perkins died & was buried on Sunday 19th with a Consumption

Sept. 22 (?) — Wednesday. I went to the Magazine and dealt out 15½ lb. Powder to Capt. Fairfields Company and there was one hundred & a quarter left- we had a lecture at the meeting house in the evening.

Sept. 28th — Tuesday. General Muster at Buxton pleasant day.

Oct. 7th — Thursday. Verry exceeding warm today and yesterday about equal to summer heat. The river has been so high that we could not full for a number of days in the last week

Decm. 16th — Parson Fairfield departed this life with old age.

Dec. 1 — Schooner Moses sailed.

The schooner that replaced the Hiram (which was known solo)?

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Jan. 15th Saturday. I was hauling slabs in the afternoon.

Jany. 23d Sunday. Mr. Humphrey Ricker died yesterday at Saco with a consumption. He was a lame man and a Taylor.

Feby. 1st Tuesday. Verry exceeding cold fair and windy old Mrs. Johnson below died Tuesday nigh it is said that she perished with the cold.

Feby. 11th Fryday. Our son Thomas complained that he had a pain in his stomach but he went to school in the forenoon but did not go in the afternoon. He kept about house until Saturday when he grew worse,we caled the Doctor Dean Saturday night and took considerable of Blood gave a small puke but it seemed to have no effect. He came again Sunday morning and took some more blood but the pain continued severe. He gave Phisick but it could not be kept down therefore could not have the desired effect in afternoon we applied a glister which had some effect in the evening which gave us some hope, but it did not extend through the body. The Doctor stopd until 8 o clock or after in the evening. A number of our neighbours came in but all returned home except Lydia Hill who was to attend with W Merrill about 10 oclock they advised me to lye down as I had slept none the night before. I lay down and in little more than an hour they called me. I immediately arose he seemed to be wandering and in extreem distress, he continued until about 12 oclock and then expired. He had his senses in part untill 4 or 5 minutes before his breath left him. He was a little past 16 years of age-

Feby. 15th Tuesday. The funeral was attended to by Rev. J. Cogswell text Hebrews XII chapt. & 6th verse- For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. The acadamy scholars attend as mourners, they walked forward and there was a verry large concourse of people that followed. I think as large nearly as I ever saw--at a funeral.

March 12th Sunday. Went to meeting to Saco. Verry good slaying there is now a compleat bottom it (consists) most of hail which has been faling for a number of days the last week and is crusted so hard as bear a team any where in open land--

March 16th Thursday. I undertook by appointment the guardianship of the Children of Capt. James Carlisle late of Biddeford deceased-- according to a late Law-there must be a guardian appointed otherwise they cannot sell property even to pay debs without the consent of a guardian.

March 25th Saturday. Verry warm. A number of teams came down on the ice on the river today although I think that the ice is hardly safe to go upon now the snow in the road is nearly gone in the road about here.

29th Wednesday. Rather cool. The road begins to be dry in some placs-and the ice begins to be broken below it is considerbly gone up to Smiths narrows. The river is considerbly up about over our water wheel shaft--

April 3d Town meeting to choose Governor, Senators & Representative. Votes for Govn Wm. King 134 & two scatering votes. Senators Wm. Moody, Rufus McIntire & Josiah W. Seaver had about 135 votes. Saml Merrill for Rep. had 98 votes & chosen.

April 5th Wednesday. We hauled three load of dresing up to Nathl. Coles back of his house-
The ice cleared off above the falls today, it had been gone some days below the falls-

May 15th I went to Sanford and met with fourteen other clothiers to agree on prices for dresing cloth and we agreed for all dark coloured full cloth sheard handsome at 25 cents shd. once and 3 cents less drab 20 cent dress well & agreed to discount not less than five cents on the yard for cash at hand.

June 10th Saturday. Mr. Israel Pinkham and Widow Jemima Stevens were called in question concerning a connection of intamacy which had been carried on between them in which connection she has professed to be with child by the said Israel Pinkham therefore the Church have suspended them.

June 11th Sunday morning about 10 oclock departed this life Jere Hill Esq. aged. He was taken in an Epileptick Fit and died in about two hours.

Note: Detailed entry of May 31st, 1820 (not copied) covers the opening ceremonies of Maine's First General Court, of which Samuel Merrill was Biddeford representative.

August 5th — Saturday. Capt. Wm. Freeman of this town hung himself in his corn house and they supposed that he was there some hours when they discovered him. He had been verry much dejected for a year or more in consequence of the embaresed state of property and a poor state of health in so much that he grew weary of life or was left to destroy his own life. He was buried on Sunday and Mr. Pratt attended the funeral and the second that he ever attended as minister.

August 21st — Sunday. Rev. Mr. Loring preached with us the first sabbath upon hire for this season. He has agreed to supply us one third of the time and he will expect eight dollars per week for each week that he laboors with us---

August 27th — Sunday. Verry exceeding dry. The river is a low about as ever was known, I believe. Our mills have all stoped except carding a little. We full on Sunday and Sunday night.

August 28th — Monday. Dry weather yet there seems to be but verry little business done of any kind at present.

Sept. 1st — Isaac Emery and myself set for the closing our doing as Commissioners on Walter Bickford Estate- and have thought to charge 5.00. Three dollars Commission-& two dollars for appraising the Estate--
Died a Saco Lucy the wife of Abner Sawyer, Junr. and daughter of Judge Thatcher of Biddeford with a Consumption

Sept. 8th — Fryday. This is a verry exceeding warm day. Almost as warm as any the summer past and the sharpest drough that has been for some years, the river is the lowest, most ever known.

Sept. 16th — Saturday. I brot home my colt & Mr. Walkers mare from the pasture & put them to hay because there is no grass--there is a rise of water of nearly one foot and it must be on account of rain in the country for there has been none here to raise the river any-since May last .

Sept. 25 Monday. I let Mr. Robert Gillpatrick take Mr. Walkers mare and I have promised him that he shall have the colt if he will winter the mare out if Mr. Walker does not come and want his mare.

Oct. 15 & 16 Sunday night and on Monday forenoon an exceeding smart rain. The (river) kept rising until Fryday morning. It was then a very high freshet, carried a part of the free bridge, no other damage of any consequence.

Oct. 27th Mary Elizabeth born Fryday. We had a daughter born 9 oclock mo.

Nov. 12th Sunday. Mr. Walker preached in the forenoon it being quite stormyand but verry few people at meeting but the wise King Solomon said that he that will not plough by reason of the cold shall beg in harvest and have nothing--text in John as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the son of man be lifted up- there was quite a winter like storm this Sunday there fell I think 6 or 8 inches of dry snow and much drifted. The ground considerably frozen--the River drivers have about finished their fall drive and I believe have had a tolerable drive.

Jany. 10th 1821 Wednesday morning. Died in Saco Col. Thomas Cutts aged 86 y. No special sickness but old age-- Entombed on Saturday 13th day Jany. On Sunday there was a note handed saying that the Children and grand children desire the prayers of this congregation & Sunday Mr. Cogswell gave a funeral sermon-man is as the flowers of grass.

May 15th Monday. We were planting up to the Nathl. Cole place--
Boards are now bringing about 8 do. Logs come but slowly. We have but one green log rafted as yet.

Sept. 3d There is late news of the death of Capt. Seth Storer of Saco, died at Richmond. Had been gone nearly one year.

Nov. 2d. Died a Saco Colo. Tristram Jordan, ninety-one years old I believe.

Feby. 22d Died in Saco Samuel Kindrick 50 years or more old with a cancer in his throat or neck.

February 25th We began to frame our fulling & carding mill & pretty cold day too. Hands S. Tarbox, Simion Goodwin, Danl. Gookin & Lemuel Foss- Thursday we raised our mill and Tuesday 5th March we dismissed our carpenters & ourmmill is under verry good way.

March 11th Annual Town meeting Israel Lassell Esq. Moderator, E. Coffin Clerk, S. Pierson, Treas. Wm. P. Hooper, Nahum Smith & myself selectmen & Assesors & Overseers of Poor. Money voted for Highway 1200 dollars, for school 1200.$, for town expenses 500. Fire ward S. S. Fairfield, Isaac Emery & myself & others--- Tuesday the River opened below the falls so that there were a number of vessels came up to the wharf. This was a verry warm & pleasant day. Had a lecture at evening at our meeting house. Came on cooler and high wind. The snow is about all gone in open land.

March 18th Monday. The snow is about all gone. The frost is not out of the ground yet but it is as dry and good wheeling now as any time in the summer about here. The ice chiefly cleared off above the falls this day. Esq. Coffin & Leavit from Buxton went to Kennebunk to probate Court in chaise which is verry uncommon for the middle of March.

March 18th Monday. Colo. Moody of Saco was buried. He died on Fryday night Last suddenly. He had been quite unwell for some weeks but was out on the day before his death & at the falls doing business & died a little after midnight. The order of his funeral was as follows met first at the house and formed a procession first Master Brown with his scholers, then Mr. Pratt with the Acadamy scholers then the Trustees of Acadamy, then several Deputy Sherriffs, the Corps & friends went into the meeting house. They first sang a select piece of musick, then a prayer by Rev. Mr. Cogswell and then gave some account & comment on the character of the deceased--then sung Denmark--then proceeded to the grave, then to Schools, Trustees & ce. stopped at Mr. Pikes or near there while the procesion walked through or between the bearers then in front--a verry large concourse of people, the meeting house was about filled.

March 22d Fryday. I went to Buxton & there met with Capt. Edmund Moody & Cole Cumston who were appointed to appraise the old meeting house & we appraised it as follows the body pews below eighteen in number at 4.50 each, the wall pews 28 in No. at 4 dollars & the galery pews 28 at 2.$ making 249. dollars. I went up in chaise and met a number of teams with loads of Boards from Buxton. Wheeling the greater half of the way verry good. Took dinner at doctor Brewster and returned home at 3 oclock Recd 2.$.

March 31 Sunday. Windy and cold & has been for two days past. Mr. Morrill finished our wall yesterday around or at end of our lot. Worked four days & Elisha Hill one day on said wall--this day widow Sarah Libby of Saco put up a note desiring prayers that the death of her son might be sanctified to & her children--it is said that he was killed at sea by pirates.
I went to meeting to the school house at Saco above the Boom. Mr. Cogswell preached.

April 15th Town meeting by adjournment voted 400 dollars in addition to the 500 before voted to defray town expenses making 900 dollars---
Monday evening the fire wardens met at H. W. Eaton office in Saco and chose three directors to each Town to take the lead when any fire should happen and direct the others belonging to the fire society what part to perform. That the first should direct when there, if absent the second, if (second) should be absent the 3d. There staffs shall be No. 1, 2d & 3d with the letter S.for Saco- & B. for Biddeford--the staffs by law are to be furnished at the expense of the town. Myself, S. S. Fairfield and H. W. Eaton director in B. Geo. Thacher (in Saco ?)

May 9th Mr. Morrill finished our stone wall below the barn and painted it--the water is rather low in the River, the logs do not run verry fast at present---
My Grandfather (Lieut. Samuel Merrill of Buxton Deceased aged about ninety four.

June 2d Sunday. Mr. Reuben Nason from Gorham preached in our meeting house, the first of his preaching with us and he is to preach with us every second sabbath perhaps through the season.

June 8th Saturday. There was a verry fine shower and the only rain that we have had for three weeks and we have had but two lite showers before this for six weeks past. It now appears that hay will almost be cut off intirely.

Examined or viewed Road from R. Emery to the Guinea Road. Selectmen went out to view a contemplated Road & begin to measure at new Guinea Road run North 45 East 245 rods to a ledge & pople trees on hight of land thence N. 60 East 20 R. thence N. 26, East 27 to Emerys Well thence N. 9, West 14 rods to Emery house thence N. 45, East 46 R. to the post road whole distance 352 Rods--- the distance N. West from this to post road 136 rods

Sept. 9th Monday. Voted that the petitioners for the road from Guinea Road to & by Ralph Emerys have leave to withdraw their petition.

Nov. 4th Our saw mill stoped about this time because we have no logs. I believe that nearly all the mills in the place have stoped for want of logs.

Nov. 25th Monday. I went with Capt. Samuel Emery & Wm. P. Hooper to K.Port and laid out a road from the school house by and in fromt of Seth Burnham Esq. dweling house to the widow Dormans-72 rods throug her land and from hers to the school house.

Nov. 30th The river drivers that went to Limington falls a month ago have jest got down and we have rafted about 200 logs. Boards sell now at ten dollars. The weather is quite moderate and it has been a verry pleasant fall indeed.

Decem. 5th Thursday. Thankgiving day. Mr. Nason preached at our meeting house--a little snow on Fryday last so that the slays move a little.

Thankgiving Fryday evening a lecture at the school house by Mr. Nason text Isaiah XXVIII chapt. 17 verse and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies and the water shall overflow the hiding place.

Dec. 7th Saturday night a fire broke out in Saco in the house built by Moses Lowell and ocupied by a number of poor familyes. The house owned by Edward Bradbury and son and Dr. John Allen. A large three story house that was also consumed by fire, the effects of the latter house were nearly all lost. It was a verry still calm night, if it had been otherwise there must have been many more.

Decem. 13th Thursday. Mr. William Stevenson was buried. He was about Eighty years of age. Mr. Lombard a Methodist attended the funeral and preached a lecture at Robert Stevensons in the evening text Revelations I heard a great voice from Heaven saying unto me write blesed are the dead who die in the Lord Yea saith the spirrit for they rest from their labours &c.

I signed a note payable to Saco Bank, 1000 dollars Nathl. Scamman & son, Danl. Cole & Son David principal. I have agreed to be surety one year from this time and no longer.

I sent three dollars to Boston by John Nason Junr. to pay in to the Recorders office at said Boston it being due from me for the present year ending Jany. first 1823-he paid it and got recept.

Decem. 25th The Selectmen of this town and of Hollis meet also Capt. Seth S. Fairfield & Capt. John Gould surveyors, at the S. West corner of Biddeford. We left it to Elder Simon Lock & John Dennet to say where to make our corner and Dennet has agreed to set a stone at the corner & put two Letters B & H on it for the sum of one dollar & a half. I agreed to pay one half for the town B, Stephen Hopkinson Esq. agreed to pay for Hollis the other half. We then set out North East coarse and took about three quarters of said John Dennets house in to Biddeford hit the South East corner of widow Huldah Wadlin barn took her well a few feet in Bid. Took I think ten Rods or more in to Charles Dow field and largely in to Jere Gordons land-next to the widow Cleaves farm Fofs tenant thence we touch the Eastern corner of Jabes Gordons Barn thence John Severys house & barn we take ten rods or more-next is Nathl. Coles we take his house & Barn 6-8-or 10 Rods thence we strike the River at two bafs trees on the bank. I cut three noches in one of them then it was night and we returned home.

Running Town line between this & Hollis.

Decem. 30th Vendue a Saco meeting house sold six pews below. Capt. Bradbury Bid off No. 48 below at 115 dollars. I Bid off two gallery pews at ten dollars each south west side of the meeting house.

January 5th 1823 Sunday. The Schooner Elisa sailed from Boston on her second voyage to Port Au Prince with a cargo of Pork, mackerell, Boards &c.-worth about 4000. We have that amount insurad.

Jany. 24th Fryday. I went up to Nathl. Goodwins to get a boy James Munroe a son of Hannah Goodwin now a town pauper. Goodwin has promised to bring him down nex week if not to keep him through the winter at 3/- & 4/6 from our last settlement till now. 29 Jany. said Goodwin brot down the child but carried him back again to winter him out at 3/6 Pr. week from 24th Jany.

(Entry of Dec. 31st) Joshua H. Bradbury got very much hurt by blowing a rock in his well, it discharged while driving down the wading shattered his laft hand so much that it was taken off the next day by Docts. Green, Shannon & Dean.

Feby. 12th ...Joshua H. his arm that was amputated on the first day of January last is entirely healed over.

(Feby. 17th) Monday. About 9 oclock it began to snow with the wind about north and blew verry hard, it continued to blow until Tuesday night. There was not I think more than nine Inches of snow fell but verry much drifted. Mr. Tappen Wentworth was here from Parsonfield stoped in till Wednesday morning then set out for home. We had a deal of shoveling of snow to make the Road pasable.

March 13th Capt. William Benson sailed from this Port for Boston about the first of March. It was verry cold and high wind followed. It is now 18th of March and they have not been heard of since. His son John Benson, Jotham Gillpatrick & Joseph Goodridge son of Benj. Jnr. were with him, also widow Clark of this Town & a Mr. Berry from Saco who had been at work near Boston came home on a vissit & was returning.

2d June this vessel was towed in.

March 18th Tuesday. Major Bryant departed this life. He was on the Pension list and I think that excessive drinking of spiritous liquors was the cause of his death. He had been laid up about a week.

March 20th Thursday. I with Mrs. Merrill went to Hollis. It began to snow in the morning and continued untill evening came about six inches I suppose- the wind arose in the night N.W. and blew verry hard all the next day in so much that we could not get home untill Saturday. The people had to turn out & shovel. I think there was some of the largest drifts between our house & Kings Corner that I ever have seen.

March 27th The people are teaming on the River today.

April 9th Quite a freshet made wholly by snow. We have rafted about fifty Logs in 2 days past came off of Salmon Falls. We got from Joseph Wadlins about 100 green Logs. We are to give him five doll. Pr. thousand & half expense of Rafting & getting down.

April 8th I have agreed with Luke Meserve for him work with me or a part of the time with Stimpson at sawing. I agree to give him one hundred & ten dollars a year. Began 9th day in the morning- he is to tend the grist mill next winter.

April 12th Saturday morning Luke M. Began to work in the mill with Jere C. Stimson

May 27th Moses Bradbury & Isaac Emery & myself were a committee to meet the Committee of first Parish and we met this day at Daniel Deshons-the Committee from below propose to us that we engage to assist them in supporting Rev. Nathl. Webster and then they will join us in settling a Colleague with Mr. Webster. Adjourned to 3d Saturday in June.

May 31 Saturday. Agreed with Mary Hooper to keep school at Eleven dollars a month provided that the number of scholars do not exceed fifty & if it does we are to set another woman to take a part of the school or if not so,to give Miss Hooper more wages.- Mr. Hooper has not engaged in the school, but Miss Lovejoy @ 11 doll.

June 8th Sunday. Deceased Mark L. Hill. He had been subject to fits for some years, set out to go to the field out at Guinea Road, had a fit on the way and fill acrofs a log with his face in the water. It supposed that he lost his senses and so drown or suffocated in the mud and water. Buried on Tuesday 10th in the masonick order.

June 14th Saturday. Parish meet by adjournment. Chose myself Clerk Pro tem. Voted to accept the proposal of the Committee of the first parish and that we will assist in supporting Mr. Webster Provided the first & 2d Parish can agree to settle a colleague with him. Also chose a committee to join with the lower parish in inviting minister to preach on probation the ensuing season,the same Committee that meet them before (Moses Bradbury, Isaac Emery & myself), to preach in both parishes.

July 26th Saturday. The selectmen gave a lease to Reuben Downs to take the crop of hay from the farm that was Jabes Gordons taken from him by execution for the town of Biddeford time of redemtion being out in June last therefore the farm comes into the hands of Town.

August 2d Pike Gordon a man about 22 years old fell through the lower eastern bridge & was drowned. The covering of the bridge was taken of to repair & he was intoxicated.

August 13th Departed this life Sarah the wife of Jere C. Stimson about 6 oclock in the afternoon, a short consumption- funeral Fryday. Mr. Cogswell was sent for but he desired to be excused therefore Mr. Webster was sent for & he came. Mr. Cogswell came also and Mr. Tracy a man who was engaged by Doctr Dean and others to preach awhile however Mr. Webster made a prayer.

August 24th Sunday. Departed this life Dorcas Currier wife of David Currier- they had both been supported by the town several years. Mr. Tracy attended the funeral, no relation to mourn for them or follow as such.

I am lame at present so that I cannot walk caused by being catched between the cart board and side of the wood shed in my left leg, done the 14th of this month. 29th August I went to the shop first time since being lame.

Schooner Eliza arived at Boston last week from Grenada with cargo of Rum, sold boards at 34 dollars.

August 28th Thursday. I exchanged my horse with Mr. Job Randel of Turner. I gave him twenty five dollars boot-
I have warrated the one I let (him) have not to fail in gambol joints- if they shall appear to have arisen from anything of the like of any former swelling- for as there has nothing of the kind apeared for more than a year I do not expect that anything will, therefore I warrant him sound in that respect for six months to come from the above date.

Sept. 4th Thursday. I exchanged chaise with Tho. Leavitt of Buxton. I am to give him one hundred dollars to pay sixty of it to Daniel Melcher at Exeter, twenty to Widow Ayer, Saco.

Sept. 10th Wednesday. Capt. Benja Goodwin of Lyman was drowned in googes Creek about 4 oclock in the morning. It was supposed that he fell from the bridge near I. Emery's store and so drifted down to the hauling out place and there was discovered on the bottom. A jury of inquest was called.

Sept. 22d &23 Quite hard frost killed the vines & corn. We had gathered our corn some days before, a good deal of corn is out of the way of frost.

Sept. 25th We are now diging potatoes tolerable good.

Oct. 12th Sunday. Thomas Dame droped dead on the floor of his own house. Got up in the morning and walked out. Returned again and fell on the floor with a small bottle with Rum in one hand. Buried on Monday 19th October.

Nov 2d Sunday. I went to hear Mr. Tracy preach tex Mat. 18 chap. 20th verse where 2 or 3 are met together in my name there I am and I will bless them.

Nov. 15th Saturday. Capt. Abner Sawyer deceased.

Nov. 19th Wednesday. Our school mistrefs finished her school- has kept 5½ months at 11 dollars 60.50.

Nov. 21st There was a parish meeting and they received into the Parish by a vote, Seth S. Fairfield, Esq., Samuel White, Samuel Peirson, Ezra Dean, Nathl. Goodwin, Daniel Goodwin, Benja. Coombs. Then adjourned to Monday the first day of December.

Decem. Monday 15th There was a parish meeting at our meeting house to receive an answer that Mr. Tracy is to give to the Unitarian Parish.

A snow storm began and Tuesdays a verry blustering storm indeed, has blocked the road verry much. There was a Brig belonged to Portland from N. York. She came into the Harbour on Monday night. This Brig broke away from her anchorage & drifted on to the Lobster Rock, not far from Mr. Bunkers. The men were on the wreck 7 hours & then they were taken off before day by Hussey & Bunker. Vessel & cargo chiefly lost.

Decem 23d Schooner Eliza arived from Berbice sold boards at 30 in dollars she was 50 or more days off & 30 or more home about 12 days in port, hands all well.

Decem 24 I signed a note Bank Esq. Huckins & Son, Ivory L. Huckins, Saml. Merrill, Wm. P. Hooper and Wm. Cutts surety 300 dollars. We have taken a bill of sale of 460 logs to be drove to Saco boom at 4 dollars pr. M to be judged by Wm. Maxwell.

Decem. 31st Nehemiah Bradbury Junior deceased with typhus fever ten days after his arrival from Philadelphia, was buried on Thursday Jany. 1st, 1824.

Jany. 1824 15th Mr. Thomas Tracey was ordained as a preacher of morality to the second parish in Biddeford. The Church male members were invited to attend at the examination, the evening previous to ordination they did not agree in setling him - six out of eight for eight being the whole number of male members. Six of them drew up and signed the following Remonstrance and handed it in to the Council convened at Edm. Coffins on Wednesday evening. to the Rev. Ecclesiasticle Council assembled in the second parish in Biddeford in the County of York & State of Maine.
Where as you are called & assembled for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Thomas Tracey as a minister over the said parish on the 15th day of January Instant and the male members of the Church in said Parish never having been consulted or exprefsing their united opinion respecting the said candidate or any thing originating with said Church relative to his preaching, doctrine or call which we as members of Christs Church hereby do claim the prerogative and a duty devolving on us as Christ profesed followers-- and as the authority of agreeing to and giving Mr. Tracey a call to settle him in the ministry has rather been assumed by said parish without consulting with the said Church and requesting their previous consultation thereon, is hereby by us considered and with much sorrow of mind as a violation of the rights and powers vested by the said Scriptures in all organised Churches of Christ whom we have solemnly profesed to love, honor, & obey and we do now as the living members of said church in our Lord and masters name, hereby certify that we cannot and will not depart from our duty as members of said church or in consecence bound to attend or unite with the

Society in said ordination as we cannot receive him as a pastor of our church -- Signed By Robert Gillpatrick, Asa Clark, Samuel Merrill, Israel Clifford, Jotham McIntire, Daniel Holman.

Annual meeting of the Marine Bible Society is on second Tuesday in January and quarterly 2d Tuesday April, July & October. President Daniel Granger, Esq., first vice President Capt. M. Bradbury, 2d Samuel Merrill for present year. J. Gray Esq. Recording Secratary, P. Pratt Corresponding Secratary & John F. Scamman Treasurer. The yearly subscription is one dollar. There are also ten managers with the first named officers.

Feby. 10th Schooner Eliza lost Bound to Berbice.

Tuesday. The Schooner Eliza sailed Capt. Chase. She did not sail until Wednesday 18th Feby. and we think she had a pretty good set off.

(Later note, undated)
Bound to Berbice, we never had any new from Capt. Chase vessel nor any of the crew.

Feby. 23

Monday. The House occupied by Samuel Worth & owned by the heirs of Colo. Cutts was burned about three oclock in the afternoon catched in the chamber or garret supposed from some defect in the chimney - they got out all stuff below but none in the chamber say the last three beds & beding.

Feby. 25

We, W. P. Hooper, Wm. Cutts & myself renued the bank note that was given 24th Decem. last by Joseph Huckins & Son Ivory. They did not attend as they promised to renew and pay the check therefore we three were obliged to do it & put in note 270 dollars.
I signed a note as surety with Robt. Wentworth & Saml. Nason, Buxton 350.

Feby. 27

Fryday night a Mr. Andrew Goodridge died in his bed at Saco. Went to bed as well as usual it is said. It is also said that he was an Intemperate man & that bled to death suppose some vessel inwardly was eat off by rum.

March 4th

Thursday. Departed this life Marshall T. G. Thornton of Saco. His complaint was a costivenefs in his bowels so that he had nothing pased for 3 or 4 weeks except by a glister or inject. His directions for burying were singular. First coffin of six inch plank then another of thinner

plank, then one of board and the inside one of led soddered water tight.
Marshall Thornton was buried at about twelve oclock at night. Mr. Cogswell attended and offered the first prayer and Mr. Tracey prayed after they returned from the grave.
- fools make a mock at sin.

March 15th Monday. The river broke up and Tuesday they rafted a considerable of logs.

Mr. Joseph Nightingail the writer of the letter given below belonged in early life to the society of methodist afterwards he became a Unitarian and a preacher of what is called rational doctrine Christianity. He continued to entertain and propigate this sistem for about 20 years. In the meantime he wrote the portraiture of methodism (at length on his death bed with eternity full in view) the religion of reason looses its value and the religion of the heart appears to be the only religion which is worth profefsing.

(Quotes in full letter dated Oct. 25, 1823 at Peckham, England written by Nightingale. Not copied here.)

March 24th Wednesday. Mr. Ichabod Fairfield of Saco was buried. He died I believe on Sunday last.

March 27th Saturday. John Fifield was drowned. He set a raft of logs & slabs from the eddy and over the reefs at half tide. His raft parted.

April 5th Monday. Judge George Thacher died about 4 oclock on Tuesday morning, rather short sicknefs. Buried on Thursday. He was a profesed Unitarian-- and he acknowledged that he was a universalist too for he says there is not much differance.

April 6th Tuesday. There was a large vendue a parsel of land property I bought a share in Saco wharf there being twenty one shares. I gave 400 dolls. for one share.

April 12th At a meeting of the fire society of Saco and Biddeford Monday evening they voted five persons to be fire wardens from among there number Capt. Bradbury & Daniel Deshon in Biddeford & Benja. Pike & two others of Saco. Those are separate from the town Wardens and their staffs are provided at the expence of the Society.

April 13th The Marine Bible Society had a quarterly meeting, voted to get three dollars worth of Tracts. There are ten managers and they agreed to meet and select five of their number and that these should by turns serve by the week to visit vessels and see what is wanting and furnish them Bibles tracts &ce. -
Likewise I am appointed to endeaver to get on subscribers on Biddeford side of the River.

May 17th Monday. Mrs. R. Swan began to keep school in the 4th District at eleven dollars Pr. month.

Charles Webster set out 16th May, Sunday morning to go to Fryburgh. Went on nearly up to Samuel Underhood, was taken in a fit and fell out of his chaise. They brought him back to Jere Hills & he died Tuesday morning, buried Thursday. Mr. Tracy attend the funeral.

May 26th Wednesday. Hard frost last night, froze ice - considerable -

Mr. Tarbox is painting our wood house. Quite cool and verry extremely windy, the dust rises verry much. We are hauling off board and selling to Capt. Baker at seven dollars Pr. M.

May 30th I have taken 686 pages of tracts of Rev. J. Cogswell.

June 2d I paid to Wm . P. Hooper fifteen dollars for pasture rent for the past year ending April 1824. Paid by indorsing on a note that I hold against him. The money was due to his mother Mary Hooper.

July 26th Deceased in Biddeford Mark Leighton very distrefsing death. Died in the morning, buried in the afternoon - a kind of nerve complaint caused by excesive drinking of spiritous liquor which he had practized for a number of years. Seemed to be verry much convulfed.

1824

Nov. 3d Lost Capt. Thos. Davis, five others. Capt. Davis, Stephen Davis and William Davis of this town - and Widow Patterson & daughter about 4 years old also her son 12 or 14 or 16 years old - a widow Handscom & the wife of Capt. Israel Buker, her husband being now in jail for abuse of his wife & a sherriff &c.
This vessel & crew sailed from this place on Wednesday 3d instant about eleven oclock and sprung a leak so that they were obliged to put before the wind because it was heavy from N. West in order to favor the leak, but about 3 oclock she filled and fell over on her side. The three men and Mrs. Patterson, her daughter and Mrs. Buker were lost - but Widow Handscomb & the Paterson boy made shift so as to keep on the wreck and in a short time the deck load of lumber with the mast went off and then she righted again. Those two survivors remained on the quarter deck about 48 hours and then were taken off by a vessel bound to Wiscassett - they therefore arived there I believe on Saturday and the two churches at that place had a contribution and made up 26 dollars to relieve those sufferers.

Nov. 10th Capt. John Tarbox from N. York and one Clark a young man who was one of his hands on board his vessel was immediately taken down with the small pox. As soon as it was discovered that he (Clark) was removed to a Mr. Burtons & nursed there twenty days & no other person took it.

Nov. 26th Our folks are hauling off boards today. A wet snow yesterday or day before. I suppose three inches.

Nov. 27th Saturday. Considerable of rain. Rain fell last night verry good. Beef is sold at this time at 3.50. Boards have been sold the season past upon an average not much over seven dollars Pr. M.

Dec. 2d Thursday. Cloudy & verry muddy. Went to
Thankgiving meeting at Saco.

Dec. 4th Saturday. We killed our hogs.

Dec. 12th Sunday. At meeting at Saco. Several persons at work today breaking the ice above the bridge it being frozen up to the head of the island but they broke it up and got down a number of rafts.

Dec. 31 Fryday. We finished hauling boards to Capt. Farris. We have hauled about 30 thousand to him & Cap. Crosby to the ferry on wheels and the hauling is verry good. There has been no sledding yet. The river will but just bear foot people. Capt. Nathl. Crosby was married last evening to a daughter of Capt. Noah Kendrick also a Mr. Blaisdel who lost his wife about a year ago. He was married again to an other daughter of Capt. Jonathan Cleaves.

Jany. 1825 1st The first snow to make any sleding came Saturday night, the first day of Jany. It began first with rain then turned to snow - there was a brig at the harbour below attempting to get in for harbour, got on some ledge bilged and filled. Belonged eastward to Major.

Jany. 3d We had a town meeting in regard to deeding to the United States the sands &c. at the mouth of the river where it is contempleded of building a Pier. The Government of U. S. having granted to this place 5000 dolls. for the bennefit of the harbour.

Jany. 8th The Selectmen made a deed to the United States of the Spits & flats at the mouth of the river.

Jany. 10th Annual meeting of Saco and Biddeford Fire Society. Officers chosen for the ensuing year; Ether Shepley, President; Seth S. Fairfield, Vice-President; Benja. Pike, Secratary; Standing Committee, James Rounds, Abner Howard & D. Deshon. R. H. Green, Isaac Emery, Joseph Granger & myself chosen fire wardens of said society and it shall be their duty to take care of the ladders, fire hooks, &c.

Jany. 19 This day fell through the Cole mill, Henry Leighton about 7 years old. They took him up the next morning as he floated along the stream came to the throat of Brace of the mill that was under water & there they found him the next morning.

Feby. 8th I went to Alfred to Court being one of the Grand Jury for the body of the County.....
....I got discharged from court Thursday at noon & received for travel & three day attendance 5.55.

March 1st Tuesday. Buried in Biddeford the wife of Major Rishworth Jordan, died with consumption it is said.

Rev. Mr. Webster attended the funeral, pall bearers were Josiah Hill Sylvester, Moses Bradbury, Nathl. Goodwin, Samuel Emery & Samuel Merrill.

March 19th Saturday. The ice went off below the falls and I saw one schooner come up river but the ice holds on above the falls yet.

Sunday the ice cleared of above mostly and all in the course of the night.

April 7th Death of Rev. Mr. Cogswells child about 4 or 4 4/5 wks.old. Fast day. Went to meeting at Saco. Mr. Ran from Portland preached in the afternoon and the funeral of Mr. Cogswells child was attended to. The corps were brot into the meeting house and a great part of the people followed to the grave

April 14th Thursday. I went to meeting at Saco Vestry. A Mr. Allice was there. He had been 8 or ten years a missionary at the Sandwich Islands and friendly Islands. He gave an account of Idolitry and manner of the lives and human sacrifices &c. He observed that at least two thirds of the Children that were born were immediately put to death - - that was formerly the case but not now for (they) had in great measure become christianised that they have now relinquished these idol worships - and mothers have as much feliel affection for their offspring as mothers in this Country have and now scarcely a family but have family worship set up.

April 18th Monday. Great Vandue at Saco the principal part of Cutts Island was sold. It was bid off by Josiah Caleff at seventy eight thousand dollars. The half of the Pepperell mill with half of the great mill sold for fourteen thousand & four hundred dollars.

April 21st Samuel got wounded in his hand by the shingle machine saw, hurt three fingers some but one next to his little one was sawed more than half off.

April 24th Sunday. The wife of Capt. Seth Spring was buried after meeting. Rev. J. Cogswell attended the funeral and the greater part of both Congregations attended.

May 27th Capt. James Thornton died. He had been sick & confined to the house for about six months consumption. Buried on Sunday. Mr. Nason of Gorham attended his funeral. He preached for Mr. Cogswell this day he being on a journey to Boston.

Mr. Elisha Staples of Old Orchard died. He was about ninety years of age, was able to do some work even on the day that he died.

May 31 I set out for York at half past two oclock in morning & got to York at half past 9 - attended untill Thursday morning at 9 oclock and received 7.35 for travel & 3 days attendance.

Jury at York Court.

June 2d A son of Edward Tucker 8 or ten years old was drowned. Fell into the river just below the Pepperell Grist mill, was taken up next day.

June 6th The Monthly Concert was at our house as has been the practice these several years and Mr. Woodhull from Brunswick College was present.

June 12th Sunday. Came a bitter rain,the warmest weather the last week that I ever recollect for so early in the season, a verry growing time.

June 13th Monday. I set out on a journey eastward, took dinner at N. Yarmouth which is about eleven miles from Portland, thence 6 miles to Freeport Corner, thence 8 miles to Brunswick. Stoped at Brunswick Monday night near the college. I went into the College Chappel in the morning at the hour of prayer, saw Mr. Woodhull there - then passed through Topsham into Bowdenham, passed along some distance by merry meeting Bay in the Androscoggin River and came to Cathance at the head of the tide, a little village and a place where vessel are built. From Brunswick to Gardner 23 miles, stoped there to dinner. From Gardner to mouth of the river is about 30 miles & 4 miles up to Hallowell & 2 miles to Augusta, then crosed the bridge, then up river about 9 or ten miles to Mr. Adams and stoped there Tuesday night. About 7 miles to Waterville through Winslow that is above Vassalborough - then crosed the bridge at Watervill then went up the river road in to

June 13th Fairfield took dinner at Mr. Tristram Jordans then pased into Bloomfield and so crosed the river at Scow-Hegan Bridge into Millbourn then into Cornvill then into Athens which is eleven miles from Scowhegan Bridge from Athens village to Harmony mills then into Riply, stoped at private house at Mr. Cobourn then 3 miles of bad road. Came to Mr. Seebries & took breakfast and so through Parkman into Sangervill Village I think 18 miles from Harmony with Esq. Pingree lives I believe in Parkman. Took dinner on Fryday at Mr. Fiedlers at Sangervill Village - thence about 5 miles up to James Gowan Esq. in No. 7. - stoped on Fryday night at said Gowen & left Mrs. Whitcomb & started over to No. 7 through Guilford on Saturday into Foxcroft, went to meeting on Sabbath at the village. Mr. Williams was absent but Deacon Carpenter read a sermon. Monday I went to see lot No. 3 in the third range and then sold lots No. 8 & 9 in 2d range at three hundred dollars for both of them, then returned back to No. 7 on Tuesday. Started for home on Wednesday through Sangervill & a corner of Dover then into Garland 1¼ miles & took dinner, then pased through Exeter, Corinth & Levant. Stoped at a little village I believe in Levant. There were mills on the Kenduskeag Stream. Thence 11½ miles to Bangor, took breakfast thence down river to Hamden 6 miles to the corner thence into Newburgh 8 miles to Snows Tavern, thence to Dixmont Corner 9 miles, three miles broad off from corner to James Means, stoped there on Thursday night - thence into Joy & to Unity. Ten miles from Dixmont thence 8 miles to Albion then 5 miles to China village. Verry pleasant place, they have an acadamy there. Stoped Fryday night at Mr. Rickers then came to Augusta 21 miles stoped there to dinner, went into John Means then came down to Gardner 6 miles. It rained in the afternoon. We came to Richmond six miles, stoped at Shaws tavern. Started Sabbath morning & came to Topsham 17 miles went to meeting, Mr. Gillet preached, then stoped at Major Frost Sabbath night. Started early Monday morning, came to Yarmouth to breakfast 14 miles from Brunswick & 6 miles from Freeport Corner from Yarmouth to Portland is 11 miles now over new bridge. Got home Monday night June 27th.

During my absence the monument that was almost completed on Todds Island fell down and one man who was on the top at work which was 54 feet high was killed by the fall, three others were at the top of this monument, 2 considerbly wounded & one but

slitely wounded. He catched hold of a stage pole and fell with that so that it carried him its length from the tumbling ruins.

July 10th Capt. Joseph Hand from Philadelphia with his wife & her sister arived at Biddy on this 10th day of July.

July 16th Saturday. The week past has been very good hay waather we have got in about one Load of Hay have Bot about three ton of Hay @ 8 dollers it is getting to be quite dry, water quite low.

July 17th Sunday. Went to meeting Lower Parish Mr Ward is now preaching there. Mr Ward preached a lecture at Moses Coles at Six O'clock Sunday evening.

August 1st A monthly meeting at our house & Mr. Ward attended with us.

August 8th We began to frame our grist mill we framed & put up the lower part but let the upper story stand.

August 16th Capt. John Andrews from Scarborough was here waiting a pasage for New York - he afterwards made a tour of N. York Albany Niagary &ce. gone two months or more.

August 26th Edmund Perkins (died) aged 55

Sept. 13th Tuesday. Training & Inspection of Militia throughout this State in Stead of the first tuesday in May as formerly.

Sept. 27th Genr. Muster at Buxton a dribling rain all day.

Oct. 7th Fryday. Departed this life Sophia Dearborn wife of Daniel Dearborn of Saco - She had lived with her mother widow Margaret Haley and I believe had been supported by her mother for nearley the space of two years, her husband being miserably poor and Intemperate.

Oct. 8th Saturday. I went below to the Lower meeting house a parish meeting there to see about setling Mr. Jonath Ward in the ministry as Coleague with Rev. Nathl Webster - adjourned the meeting untill Monday next at 3 o'clock. The members of the first Church in Biddeford are to meet at one o'clock to see if they will give a call to Mr. Ward.

Oct. 9th Sunday. I went below to parish meeting below. The first Church gave Mr. J Ward a call to settle with them as Colleague pastor and the Parish Concured with Chr: appointed Wednesday 26 Oct. Instant for Ordination---Chose a Committee of seven for arrangments R.T. Jordan, Israel Lassell, Saml. Merrill, Nathl Emery, C. Buker, T.C. Bradbury, & Wm. Hill.

Oct. 12th Wednesday. The Selectmen met at Edm Coffin Esq. The town Treasurer was absent. Our busineſs was to make some arangments respecting the parsonage Land in said town voted to sell the two Lots on Saturday 12th day of Novm. next at vendue & agreed to meet again on Fryday evening 4th Nov. at Edm Coffins on account of the above busineſs.

Oct. 15th Came a moderate rain raised the River a little. Our sawmill begins to go a little, it has been still about one month and the grist mill has done nothing since middle of June except grind our own eating.

Oct. 26th Mr. Jonathan Ward was ordained Coleague to Rev. Nathl Webster his father Preached the Sermon: it pleased God by the foolishneſs of Preaching to save them that believe. Mr. Ward set out to go home to his native place on thursday the next sabbath day after ordination, his father stopped and preached for him. I went down below in the afternoon - Text 2 Timothy 2 Chapter & part of 12 verse- If we deny him, he also will deny us.

Oct. 30th Sunday. The River Rose Considerable so that we can saw and grind. Not any rain here for severall days past but I conclude there was rain in the country.

Nov. 2nd News of the death of Capt. Simon Emery of this town died, at N. York with yellow fever it is said.

Nov. 12th Saturday. Parsonage Land consistg 100 acres on new town Road and about 66 acres near Tristram Morrills was sold at vendu it sold for.

Nov. 18th I went with the other Selectman up to Nathl Coles to lay out a Road and we began & proceeded as follows. Began near the corner of Nathl Coles Land sou. west corner, thence south 17 degrees West 80 Rod to the fore side of John Sevey House frome thence South 38 West 27 Rod, thence South 31 West

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ov. 18th 25 Rods thence South 36 West 27 Rods on John Sevey Land & Land of his wife or her heirs. 159 Rods on Sevey & wifes land thence by the River South 31 West 21 Rds. then Sou 29 West 43 Rds. then so 37 West 36 Rods. Making 100 Rod on Samuel Dows Land - Thence Sou 62 West 28 Rods - acrofs widow Cleaves Land, thence South 64 West 14 Rods then Sou 62 West 68 Rods on Jere Gordons Land to a small Brook making 82 Rod on Jere Gordans Land, thence South 37 West 15 Rods on Robert Cleaves land thence Sou 30 West 16 Rods then Sou 10 West 20 Rods then Sou 26 East 16 Rods then Sou 10 West 10 Rods. Making 62 Rods on Moses Wadlins Land. Thence South 4 East on Joseph Wadlins Land 24 Rods thence Sou 15 East 28 Rds. to Days Bridge. Then south 73 West 57 Rods on & crossing the Line between Thomas Day & Joseph Wadlin out to the main Road leading by said Days House, being 373 Rods from the beginning to Days Bridge acrofs the River & 57 Rods from said Bridge to the main Road - from the main Road to the River on the Line between Robert Cleaves & Moses Wadlins North 82 East is about 90 Rods.

ov. 19th Saturday. Deceased at Saco Dr. John Allen (Brandy Consumtion I believe) Buried Monday.

ov. 22nd It snowed considerable part of the day came 3 inches or more the river catched over at night.

ov. 23rd Our folks broke through the Ice and got down a raft of Logs.

ov. 24th There was a Mr. Niles who was an agent to the Colonization Society for the Emancipation of Liberated Slaves in the Southern States - attended meeting in evening at the Vestery Mr. Niles gave some acc of the slaves, of the managment of them. He solicted subscriptions for a monthly pamphlet to be printed at Citty of Washington concerning the Colonization Society. Two dollars a year and postage in addition.

ov. 25th Fryday evening. Mr. Niles Preached at the vestry. He collected by personal application. Mrs.Cleaves contributed 30 dollars her two daughters five dollars each for the assistance of the free black Colonization Society. I gave five dollars and a number of others gave five a piece.

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c. 9th Fryday. I went out to the town line & met a Road Committee, Gen. Rufsell of N. Yarmouth, Chairman Capt. Prime, Berwick. Wm. Smith, Stephen Hopkinson, & aMr. Raymond were the Comm. They made no alteration untill they came to the mouth of the New Guinea Road.

Dec. 9th They then shaped there course for the Lower Bridge.
86 Rods on widow Elisa Smith Land
48 Rods John Gray, Leefield
20½ Joshua Smith, - pasture
48 Joseph Dearborn pasture
96½ Daniel Fofs pasture & field
06½ widow Sarah Hooper
22 R on Granger & Scammon
327½ Rods

Dec. 10th Saturday night. The River shut up, there came a little snow, on Sunday went to meeting to Saco Mr. Cogswell, text in morning James 1st Chap. 2, 3, & 4 verses.

Deacon Samuel Seamman died on Saturday night last. Thursday Mark Tarbox died with fever was seised with it at N. York. Was to have been buried on saturday but it was verry Rainny therefore it was put off untill sunday.

Dec. 25th Sunday. Went to meeting to Saco .

Dec. 26th Moses Cole of this town died Monday morning, consumption - also Mr. Moses Wadlin of this town bout two days ago an aged man.

Dec. 31st Died on saturday. Fever, had been sick five weeks, Mrs. Abigail Smith wife of Joshua S. She was a member of 2d Church in this town a very peaceable and modestte Christian as we Charitibly hope left seven Children.

At a meeting of the 2d Church in this town at our house on Wednesday 28 Dec. voted that a part of the Church consisting of nineteen members being all who had not joined with Mr. Traceys Church proposed the Union with the first Church in Biddeford if they should acceed to it then we are to belong to first Church.

(Note in margin): The first Church have since acceeded to our proposal and are now joined with them. Jany 8th 1826. But afterward disjoined:

Jany. 2nd Sunday. A good deal of Rain the week past so that there is quite a freshet in the river, nearly stoped some of the mills.

Jany. 10th A considerable rainy for some days past, there has been no sleding this winter.

Jany. 11th Thomas Bradbury from Tamworth was here I received a note of him against Joseph Woodman Junr 500 dols has been on Interest two years therefore 60 doll is now due on said note for Interest. I paid said Bradbury two hundred dollars cash down and gave my note for three hundred on Demand & Interest that pays for the Woodman 500 dollar note, then I gave my note for Sixty doll payable Jany 1830 without Interest. I have this day signed a note at the Bank with said T.B. for 150 which I expect to pay in & then ofset toward the 300 note he holds.

The case ... concerning T. Bradbury, fact is said B. held a note against Joseph Woodman Jr. of Buxton 500 dollars payable Jany 1830. I have taken that note and have advanced to said Bradbury because he wanted the money before it became due from Woodman.

Jany. 13th Fryday. Fair & moderate, seems like November ground entirely bare. There has been no going on the River yet, not with teams.

Died 12th day Old Mr. John Dyer of this town over 86 years of age.

Jany. 15th Sunday. Went to meeting to Saco, in the Slay, in the afternoon. Some Rainy to-day. Monday about 3 inches more snow in addition to snow, hail, & Rain that came Saturday night.

Jany. 17th Tuesday. It is now pretty cold and good sleding, now, for so little snow. Began to haul Board to ferry to Mrs. Blasdell Saco at nine dollars this is the first sleding this winter.

Jany. 7 (18 ?) Wednesday. We went down to lower parish and attended a Church fast to pray for a revival of Religion by a request. At the time the above fast was appointed a confession was handed to Mr. Ward the pastor in writing, by many of the members. We first met at Capt. Lassells at ten o'clock continued at that place about two hours and at two o'clock met at the meeting House two prayers at the meeting house by Church members. Then Mr. Ward

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y 7 (18 ?) went up into the Desk there, after a prayer preached a Sermon.

y. 27th Last week the Council met at Saco to settle a pretended difficulty which between Mr. Pratt and Rev. J. Cogswell relating to 15 Allegations said P brot against C. They began on monday evening and ended Thursday evening, and their conclusion was that none of those Alligations were supported. Seven Ministers & as many deligates: Payson of Portland: Pomroy, Gorham: Loring of Buxton: Fesenden, K bunk: Marsh, Sanford: Doughles of Alfred: (Mr. Pratt is Preceptor of the accadamy Saco at present.

y 29th Sunday. Pleasant day considerable thawy. Monday, quite cold, it snowed moderatly until evening cleared off in the night & wind blowed verry hard.

Rev. Jona Ward is sick of a fever at Capt. Wm. Hills, also Capt. H. himself has been sick several months and a little daughter of his sick, fever. By request of Mr. Ward a church meeting for prayer at Capt. Hills, a distressed family, I went down.

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y. 3rd Fryday. Rev. Jonathan Ward Deceased with a fever, sick about twelve days. The Church met at Rev. Mr. Websters and concluded that the funeral be attended wednesday next at one o'clock. Mr. Ward of Plymouth, N. H., the father of the deceased arrived with a daughter on saturday night and, he preached the next day. I went on monday to Buxton, Gorham, Westbrook , & through Scarboro home to notify bearers. On wednesday the funeral was attended the corpse was brot up and put into Mrs. Cleaves Tomb. A verry (poor) time as to traveling Wet and spashy.

y. 12th Sunday. Went to meeting at lower parish Mr. Ward from Plymouth, N.H. preached.

y 20th Monday. I went with W.P. Hooper to Portland and the (committee) on Spring & Tucker Canal were in session at six o'clock in evening and set untill after Eleven. Mr. Greenleaf for Canal as attorney and Shepley for opposite. Mr. Abbot of Castine Chairman of Committee.

y 24th Fryday. Lieut. Samuel Hill of Biddeford Died with a fever.

Saturday. It rained some by showers, we hauled some dressing to the goodwin field. The snow went nearly all off saturday night & sunday we went meeting Sunday in Chaise all bare in the Road. Monday &

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by. 24th tuesday came a little snow each day, sleding again on tuesday.

by, 28th This day a meeting of the first Church to see about getting a minister, voted & chose a Committee & directed said Committee to write to Reverend Jonathan Ward of Plymouth to see if he will consent to settle with us. The Committee were Deacon Waldo Hill, Nathl Emery, & Saml Merrill.

MAR
rch 4th Saturday. It has been cloudy & some stormy all the week past, the sleding is done at present here.

March 1st Major Samuel Nye died a few days ago. also Joseph Scammon.& the wife of Capt. Thos. Farris of Saco--- Mehitable Hooper came from Boston.

rch 7th Tuesday. We began to frame a pier a little above the mill for side boom to set where one before set.

Major Nye was buried or entombed Wednesday 7th. The fire Society walked before the Masons and the Masons, preceeded the Corpse.

There was a man buried today previous to Major Nye he belong^d to Portland, was a Taylor, died sudden. This was a Mr. Ham.

rch 13th Monday. There was a Church meeting at the Lower parish, and they chose a Committee of three R. T. Jordan Esq., Israel Lassell, & Jere Bettis, on the part of the Church. Then they had a parish meeting as they termed it & chose Tristram Morrill, John D. Emery, Nathl Emery, & Daniel Deshon on the part of the Parish. This Committee to confer together to get some person as an assistant to Mr. Webster to preach two or three months. Mr Webster----Contended that those 21 members voted to be received in to the first Church who formerly belonged to 2^d Church in Jany 4th last were not act in this meeting. The Church then voted to call a council on the above proceedings as to the legality of those 21 members being received in to it. The Church chose Mr. Loring, Mr. Flecher, & Fesendent On Mr. W. part Tracy, Tilton, & Bradley.

The ice is nearly broken up below the falls.

rch 21st Ice cleared off above the falls.

rch 29th Wednesday. I get hurt by a pile Board falling over. Hurt my leg considerably.

May 28th Sunday. Moses Smith and David Green & one more brot down a large Raft of Logs to the bog mill.

rch 30th Killed a calf & carried the skin to Mr. Smith to be tanned.

ril 2nd Sunday. I did not go to meeting on act of Lameness.

There was a Mr. Church preached at the Lower Parish. Invited by their joint Committee and I believe Introduced by Mr. Fesenden of KBunkport. He preached 2 or 3 months and then left.

ril 6th Fast day tolerable pleasant.

Saturday we drawd Jury men Israel Clifford Grand Jury& Wm. Maxwell traverse Jury at York.

ril 10th Rather cool.

ril 11th Tuesday. Almost as cold as winter.
Mr. Church called here who nas preached in the lower parish two Sabbaths past and it is expected that he will preach 3 or 4 months.

MAY

y 15th Monday. I went to the funeral of Mr. John Sawyer he died at his sons John, & was buried up to his Brother Abner field where there has been a family burying place.

y 19th Fryday. I went to Buxton to see about Logs. The apple trees are in full bloom, it is now very dry for so early in the season and verry warm several days back.

Jun
ne 4th Sunday. Came a nice Rain. Our people are at Buxton trying hard to get down logs. We have not Rafted Logsthis Spring as yet, much faster then we have sawd them. Have not now so many as a hundred Logs on hand.

ne 12th I set out with Mrs. Merrill and went to Limerick the first day which was monday. Tues attended probate Court at Limerick on account of Mr. Daniel Stone & Mr. Asa Cole. A complaint being made by the Selectmen of Biddeford against them and a request made for Guardian to be appointed. The case of Mr. Stone was posponed and left open liable to have a Guardian when ever it may be Called for, but suspended to see if may not reform. That of Mr. Coles was postponed untill october when the court will set at Kennebunk. In the meantime there might be some adjustment respecting said Coles Deeding His farm to a nephew Mr. Usher. This was the objection that was made by Cole.

August 27th The last night it rained Excesively. A Mr. Willy & family were lost (consiting of nine persons) on the noch of the white Mountains. The Mountain Slide down & came by the house in the dark night, and it is Supposed that the people Supprised at the noise went hastily out of the house and So were buried in the Earth that came down. It is said that they went out in Such haste that they left there clothes in the rooms where they slept.

Sept. 2nd Saturday. I set out to go to Fryburgh to See about Some Logs in Buck meadow. I stoped at Ingols in Bawldwin near what is called the Casaway one & half miles below Hiram Bridg , got to Fryburgh Sunday about Eleven o'clock went to meeting all day.

Jun
e 12th We then went in the afternoon to Parsonfield thence on wednesday we went to Tamworth, from Limerick to Lords Bridge in Effingham is 13 miles thence through the plain 10½ miles to Osibee Corner to the Bear Camp River, thence up said River on the South Side six miles to Deacon Thomas Bradbury. Thursday went 2½ miles into sandwich to Esq. Cogans, took tea and returned to D. Bradbury fryday came to Parsonfield, & Saturday came home.

e 22nd? Thursday. There was a man named Daniel killed out right at the neck on pool Blowing Rocks, and an other wounded at the same time named Folsom. which was last week.

e 28th Wednesday. We went to KPort a meeting of the Maine Missionary Society there, and an Interesting meeting, too. Thursday Mr. Jotham Sewall & his son Jotham, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kendrick, and Mr. Hurd from Fryburgh called and took dinner with us on their return from Kennebunk Port. (contribution $ 111.17 cents) A smart and Long shower in the aftern. so that the ground is abundantly wet.

July
ly 4th The young man named Folsom that was wounded at the Pool three week ago, he died being brot up from the Pool several days before his death. Was wounded in his foot so that it was taken off a part of it but it had seemed to have got considerable better but there came on Strong Spasms and finally died with fits.

ly 6th The Black Smith Shop on googis Island occupied by Mr. Goodwin, was consumed by fire about one o'clock.

Oct
t. 3rd Tuesday. General Muster at Saco this day. Pretty good day, Regimeny under Col. Greens command.

t. 26th I put a note into Geo. Thachers hand against Maja. Nicholas Edgcomb of L. (and) an other agst. Benja. Jacobs for him to collect.

Nov
v. 15th About a week ago three men down at Little River in this town were gunning. One accidentally shot one other in his face & he died immediatily. Their names were Jefferds from KPort. The one killed was a young married man.

Dec
. 7th Departed this life Phinehas McIntire of this town, buried sunday 10th Decm, *******

Benja. Gillpartick Capt.
Lost over-board from Schooner Moses coming in to this port from West Indies, Enoch Sevey, Son of

Jany 31st Luke Meserve was married at our house to Caroline Nason who had lived in our family fifteen years.

March 1st Began to Repair the West Bridge on the Island.

March 4th this Second week in March we are at work repairing the West Bridge on the Island, we put on Six good & new String pieces on our part & twelve mill Logs for pier Strings & wharfing. Some say 4 were quite Small.

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Dec. 7 th John Sevey, upper end of this town, a young man.

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Dec. 31st Sunday. Snow Storm began/untill monday afternoon, then it rained untill some time in the night.

Jany. 3rd Pretty good sleding now, Luke went up & hauled down a string piece.

Jany. 10th We began to haul Boards to ferry to Capt. Sath. Gillpatrick, to freight, to Portsmouth.

March 15th I went to widow Lucy McIntires. N. Bradbury, Saml Emery, & Josiah Thacher were appraisers & they said the homested farm to be worth 3000. Called it 140 acres, & 30 acres at Swan Pond, 300 dollars.

March 24th Saturday night. The Ice cleared of above the falls, Monday vessels came up River. We began to haul Boards to Capt. Hiram. Murch 26th, verry pleasant day.

March 29th About this time there were two men drowned at Salmon falls, Buxton. A Mr. Fogg & a Mr. Fofs, breaking a jam of Logs near the bridge. It broke suddenly and they went down stream over the falls, & one Cousens considerably wounded, who was on the shore, got entangled in some rope, One end of which was on the Jam, other end got around his legs & draged him but he fortunately got hold of a small tree, but drawd his knee out of joint.

April 1st News of the death of Capt. Leavitt, & James Stevenson, cast away at sea.

April 5th Yearly fast, we went to meeting at Saco, pretty full meeting for fast day. Mr. Clark the baptist Minister was sick, he did not preach today. Fryday & Saturday at home on town businefs. Prayer meeting at our house thursday evening.

April 10 & 11th Were hauling Board to D. Deshon at Eight dollars. I had I. G. Stimsonoxen with ours two days.

April 20th A young Mr. Stockbridge wounded himself cuting wood, below our dyehouse, cut his ankle. He belonged to the town of Stratham.

April 24th Tuesday. A rain Storm verry powerful indeed and tuesday night it rained exceedingly. Think the river rose in the last 24 hours

April 24th between 3 & 4 feet. Quite a number of rafts of logs came against the West Bridge and a thousand or two or three went over the falls. 26th Thursday, the main boom is yet secure, the weather is yet Lowering.

April 28th Saturday. The weather cold & raw & some rainny. The wind been N. East & East about all the week past. The water up to Bridge caps.

April 30th Monday. Fresh out wind Cloudy & some little rain. The river has fallen about a foot, the boom holds well yet, & we hope it will.

May 1st Tuesday. Several Mills came down from Buxton, & the Smith Bridge, & Bar Bridge.

May 9th Church fast at Saco at the vestry, continued about three hours & half. Quite good collection of people and an interesting meeting with prayer and Remarks from Several members.

May 17th I went with S.S.Fairfield & measured the two Roads a crofs the uper & lower Bridges and we made the lower Road 708 Rods & the uper road 636 Rods.

Mr. Clark of Saco the Baptist minister called with proposal for building a meeting House at Saco condition is that it shall not cost over forty dollars Pr. Share.

June

June 1st I agreed with Moses Bradbury Jr. for him to take our Cardg Machines, the ensuing year. For him to have half of the proceeds for tending said Machines. He first to set them in order & we to pay for that Labour, he afterwards to do the Small repairs, Say his own labour in Small repairs is not to be charged after the first, he to buy what oil is wanted out of the proceeds.

June 17th Monday. I set out on my Journey to Turner with Mrs. Merrill. Stoped at Portland 2d At New Gloucester 3 & 4th at J. Woodman Minott, 5th 6th & 7th Thos. Merrills at Turner, 8th Cole Parsons at Paris 9th & 10th Robert Pages at Fryburg, 11th Wm. Wentworth in Brownfield. Fryday 29th of June, came from Brownfield home, 45 miles came through Cornish & Limington because the Bridge at Hiram was taken up.

July

July 21st Saturday. James Cumming was buried, he died yesterday with a kind of consumption. He had got a notior that it would not do for him to eat or drink any thing and he did not eat or drink anything for the

July 21st space of Sixteen days before his death.

July 29th Sunday. Mr. Gillet preached at Saco. We have prayer meetings at Six o'clock at the School house at or near J.H. Bradbury. Mr. Hayes & Mr. Gunnison lead or conduct the meeting.

August 23rd Josiah Young of this town died, about three weeks ago. Also this week Thomas Dyers wife died and also Capt. Walter Fofs died in Bidd.

Sept. 1st Saturday. Departed this Life Mr. Daniel Chase of Saco.

Sept. 10th Monday. 4 O'clock opened town meeting concerning the new Alfred Road so called & they would not raise any money or Labour to open said Road, but voted to petition for a discontinuance of said Road & disolved the meeting. Held at lower meeting house

Oct. 8th Monday. A town meeting on account of the Alfred Road voted to have Assesed a tax of 1500 dollars for opening Sd Road & that the same Surveyors that were chosen last Spring build it & that the Selectmen be agents to lot out said road to the Surveyors.

Nov. 7th A Snow fell six inches or more, Snowed about all day. It had been quite freesing for two nights previous.

Nov. 11th Sunday. It holds cold yet, the snow has not wasted much yet. We went to meeting in the forenoon in the Slay & verry good Slaying except where the Snow had blown out. Monday began to thaw and that night the Snow disappeared mostly. Abigail Tarbox, a pauper, was buried to day. Mr. Tappen attend the funeral: he preached below today.

Nov. 25th Mr. Tracey preached for the first Sabbath in the new Unitarian M House at Saco which was said to be dedicated the last week. Also the Episcopalion Church at Saco was confirmed the last week.

DEC

Dec. 25th Tuesday. Mrs. Merrill & Mary Eliza went to Buxton in Chaise, came home next day. Rev. Mr. Marsh Preached below in this town also at Asa Clarks in the evening.

JAN

Jany 3rd Thursday. Eliza began to go to Mr. Pratts School.

Jany 10th A meeting at Deacon Joseph M. Hayes, to adjust some differances between Several Clergymen in this County. An adjustment was made and they became reconciled - myself, Colo Clark, Owen Burnham,

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ny 10th William Hill, & Ether Shepley attended with those ministers.

ny 20th Old lady Bromfield died of Rev. Mr. Tracy's. Funeral according to the Boston mode, none attended unless they were invited. Funeral at 10 o'clock in forenoon.

ny 31st Verry pleasant, the sleding is almost done again, there has been but a few days at a time of Sleding this winter.

FEB.

by 4th Monday. We had a parish meeting to see if the Second Religios Society would choose a Committee to meet one in the lower parish. But the unitarians came in like a flood and prevented choosing a committee. Then they passed a vote that Rev. Mr. Marsh might Preach in the meeting house half of the time untill some further order be taken.

by 9th Saturday. A Mr. A.R. Plumply agent for the African Colonization Society called, I paid him 4 dollars for two years Subscription for the monthly Journal . Took his Receipt.

by 11th I went with Capt. Emery up to Jere Wadlin, to lay out out a road for him, and we began at town line near Wadlin Widows and followed the road as it now is to Jere Wadlins house, 82 Rods, then in Front of his house thence South 40 East 27 Rods then S, 26 East 16 Rods on said Wadlins land. Then same course on Land of Nath Goodwins heirs 39 Rods. Then same course on land of Capt. Edw. Rumery 42 Rods, thence same course on land of Saml Hooper 30 Rods. Thence 8 Rods on S. Lock land thence 12 Rods on Geo Hooper land thence 17 Rods on S. Lock land to the Road above the School House.

y 15th Fryday. A Mr. Rice who belonged to Saco fell with his breast on a Rock in the road and expired without a Struggle, bled profusely at his mouth. He was an Intemperate man and subject to fits. It was thought that he was not Intoxicated at this time. He left a destitue family.

This has been a remarkable winter thus far, but little Sleding, the ground is now bare as in Summer.

y 19th Tuesday I went to the funeral of Mr. Jere Cole who died Sunday night of a Consumption. Had kept house mostly for the year past. Died in hope of being admitted into the Kingdom.

FEB
y 19th Verry remarkable weather, there were two boats went down through the Ice to the ferry and 20th & 21st there were vessel came up to the wharf. 21st Thursday the ice cleared off above the falls, it rained considerable by showers today.

21st I went down to Lower meeting House today. The Lower Parish were to meet by adjournment but on account of the weather or some other cause there were but three attended therefore there was nothing done. The Frost appears to be out in the Road and as muddy as ever I saw I think.

MR.
ch 3rd Monday. A meeting of the first Parish in Biddeford to see about setting Mr. Christopher Marsh to Preach in both meeting houses in said town. They first voted to unite with the Subscribers who have made up a Subscription scattered throughout the Town, to the amount of four hundred dollars, then a Subscriber meeting followed and passed a vote to unite with the first Parish in the settlement of Mr. Marsh. They then chose a Committee of five to wait on Mr. Marsh, the Comite. were: Capt. John Tarbox, Daniel Deshon, Capt. C. Buker, M. Bradbury Jr., and myself.

ch 8th Saturday. I went below to an adjourned meeting, the first Church had an adjourned meeting at the meeting house, R. T. Jordan Esq. moderator. They voted to give Rev. C. Marsh a call to settle with them as pastor. And if Rev. Mr. Webster does not consent that Mr. Marsh shall become pastor alone, then the council that may be called to Install Mr. Marsh shall decide on that matter. Then adjourned to the 22d 3 o'clock below.

ch 10th I went to Daniel Bickfords, carried some wheel Irons, went in Chaise. But some were sleding in the morning, there came about 3 inches of Snow, Saturday night 8th, went to meeting in Slay, 9th. 10th afternoon the new snow is all gone, the river has not closed since it opend, it has been verry remarkable winter.

h 18th A meeting at the School house 4th District and a social Library formed. One dollar Subscription to constitute a member and a Tax of one dollar a year in quarterly payments on each member. Dr. Ezra Dean Librarian - Henry Thacher, Rev. C. Marsh & Rev. T Tracy Directors, adjourned the meeting.

h 31st A Parish meeting below Chose for a committee,

ch 31st the Persons who has subscribed and those who may here after Subscribe to make up the deficiency if any there should be to Rev. C. Marsh, that they be the Committee to Contract with Mr. Marsh. & they agreed to meet for the above purpose at the house of Mr. Marsh, Saturday 12th April 4 o'clock, & then at 5 at meeting house.

il 21st A meeting of first Church & voted to accede to the proposal of the 2d Church to unite with them in extending a call to Rev. C. Marsh by their Committee & so join them in sending out Letters Missive the council are to consist of Mr. Cogswell of Saco & 1 deligate Mr. Loring, Buxton & Deligate Mr. Fesendon KPort, Mr. Campbell Kenebunk Mr. Greenleaf, Wells, Mr. Calef, Lyman and Mr. Cummings, Portland, Editor of Christian Mirror.

il 26th Departed this Dr. Richard C. Shannon of Saco , died on Saturday last 26th day of April. He had a Severe Shock of Palsy 4 or 5 days previous and the first that he ever had was taken at Rev. Mr. Cogswells one morning and never Spoke afterward, appeared to have his Senses mostly. Mr. Cogswell being Sick at this time, therefore Rev. Mr. Loring attended the funeral at the meeting house. Preached a Sermon text C X V I Ps 15 verse- Precious in the Sight of the Lord is the death of the Saints. Funeral tuesday 29th, a great number attended the funeral.

Mr. Crisp's Bradbury was buried saturday last, died with Consumption, sick all the winter past.

MAY

y 7th Rev. Christopher Marsh was this day Istalled as pastor of the first and Second Churches in Biddeford. His labour is to be equally divided in the first & Second Congregational meeting houses. The Council were Mr. Campbell, South Berwick & Mr. Campbell of KenbunkPort, Mr. Calef of Lyman, Mr. Fesenden of KPort. he preached a Sermon, text first Kings 22 Chapt. 14 verse. Mr. Jameson of Scarboro with one delligate also Mr. Tappen of Alfred (Mr. Cogswell & Mr. Loring were invited but were sick) The above council met last night at the lower meeting house at Six o'clock. They chose Mr. Campbell of Kennebunk Moderator & Mr. Campbell of S. Berwick Scribe. Then called for the papers of the Church, and examined them, then called on Mr. Marsh concerning his belief and asked him many questions respecting this matter then he Related his experience &c.

12th Monday. Departed this life Widow Abigail Hooper a

MAY

y 12th consumption. The funeral on wednesday 14th, rainny and wet in the afternoon so that the female could not walk to the grave.

Issac Bickford has agreed to hire my upper pasture for this season or untill next fall & is to pay Eleven dollars for it.

y 21st Wednesday Samuel was taken in kind of a fit, fell out of his chair upon the floor, then was exercised with spasms for an hour or two.

JUN

ne 15th Monday. Jere C. Stimson & Elisha Perkins took a deed of Daniel Stone Property, both real & personal, and Said Stone made a delivery of his Personal particularly the furniture in the west Room, chairs &c, where of I was witnefs.

ne 27th Fryday. Rebecca Hill daughter of Ebenezer Hill was buried, died with consumption, about sixteen years old. Mr. Tracy attended the funeral.

ne 30th Three or four showers to day & verry heavy thunder, it struck the Allds house on Googe Island.

JULY

ly 4th I went to Saco to meeting at 3 o'clock, there were three prayers offered and remarks relative to our Independence. Mr Rowland Preached, Saco afternoon text Colosians (Colossians) 3 Chapt. 1 verse.

gust 17th Showers and there has been a great plenty of Showers this Season thus far. Rev. Thomas Tracy was dismissed from his Society about this time also Reverend Jonathan Cogswell Requested a dismission having been verry Sick and is not now able to preach.

SEPT

ptm. 8th Monday. There were Six persons admitted to this Church Yesterday, Mr. Oliver Libbey and his wife, Mrs. Tamar Dearborn, widow, Polly Berry, Alvisa Stevens, & Harriot Stacy, four of them received Baptism at the time. Then there were eight Children baptised of the above, in the afternoon.

The river has risen more than one foot, in addition to what it had risen before, water verry muddy. Quite a great rise of water up Country, damaged the Crops verry much on Intervails at Fryburg. Our fulling mill lay still one week.

OCT

tm. 22nd Schooner Saco, of which I am owner inpart, we have Chartered to George Scammon of Saco to make a voyage to Tampeko, At $1.50 Pr. month Pr. ton, Sailed about this time with lumber.

OCT

ct. 11th Saturday. A town meeting, the Selectmen were chosen, a committee to petition the Court of Sessions to send a committee to widen the road from Wm. P. Hooper, to the winter harbour & locate the same. Voted that the Selectmen attend with said committee to advise them.

ct. 19th Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Fesenden Preached with us, and at the School house near Jos. Smith in the evening.

News of the death of Capt. Stephen Bunker, of Biddeford, died at New York.

NOV

v. 7th Fryday. Mr. Simon Goodwin Inhabitant of this town, he fell from or with a Stagen at Samuel Coles on Fryday last & died on wednesday. His age 53.

v. 13th Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Marsh held a meeting in upper meeting house, text Psalms, God hath not dealt so with any nation.

v. 21st Fryday. I went to winter harbour with Capt. Edm. Moody, George Scammon, & Joseph Grainger. A committee to Locate & widen a Highway from the falls.

v. 24th I, with the other Selectmen attended with the committee in Locating a road from the falls to winter harbour. Joshua Moody, & Edmund Moody Jr. were chairmen, we got down as far as the meeting house the first day.

v. 29th I paid ten dollars cash to Ebenezer Cleaves of Saco toward one share, I Subsribed for in the Baptist meeting house now building.

DEC

. 10th We killed two Hogs, one weyed 397, the other 302 making 699. Verry pleasant weather, the river as open as in summer.

. 16th Tuesday. I went to lower part of the town with Capt. Moody, Scamman, & Granger, in order to appraise the damages arising from locating & widening the Highway from the falls to the Sea. Began at the sea and got as far as School house in 5th District first day.

. 20th Fryday. I went to meeting, a Mr. Sharpe of Boston, Preached a Baptist text. John 6th Chapter 44 verse, no man can come to me, except the father that sent me draw him.

ny 15th It has been good Sleding three days past & that is all that we have had this winter. As yet, today 15th a Smart rain carried the Snow most off: 16th fair & pleasance so that Sleding is now done for the present.

ny 16th Samuel & Elizabeth set out to go to Turner today, also Mary Hill with them. Left their Slay at Riches N.yarmouth & took his Chaise, returned in ten or twelve days, sister Woodman came too. Thomas C. Bradbury came from Philadelphia a few days ago.

by. 18th Samuel T. Set out in the Stage for Dover factory intending to work there, came home again wednesday 25th Feby.

by 19th The Schooner Saco, Capt. Jordan, arived from Tampico (our part of the Charter or one third was 288 dollars).

by 26th Thursday. A Mr. Jones was Ordained.

rch 2nd Probate Court at Saco for the first time. At this time Moses Bradbury Junr. was placed Guardian for Daniel Stone, myself and Jere G. Stimson Sureties to the bond in the sum of 3000 dollars.

Israel Jacobs also put under Guardian ship of Saco.

rch 24th Moses Bradbury Jun. Brot home the town Poor, has taken them for five years at five hundred thrity five dollars Pr. year, ($535.00).

rch 28th Saturday. Quite pleasant today Snow runs of, Cleverly teams pafs on the River to day abundantly, Sleding quite poor on the Land.

rch 31st There was an Infant child found on the Ice a little below the free Bridge on Saco Side of the river. There was a Jury called to examine it.

il 1st We had a meeting of the Subscribers for the support of Rev. C. Marsh. Chose D. Deshon Clerk, then chose R.T. Jordan Esq., Nathl Emery & myself, assesors, then Chose Rev. C. Marsh to be his own Treasurer. Then Chose a Committee to Hire 84 dols to pay into Rev. C. Marsh, there being this amount is in the hands of the Several Collectors which we think will mostly be collected. A deficiency we have made up of about fifty dollars of which I paid ten.

il 4th Saturday. The Ice went out below the falls and Sunday and Sunday night Ice went off above the falls. There is now 2 feet of Snow in many places. A Smart Rain a few days ago, So that the River is considerably up.

May 25th I paid in to Pepperell M. Cole, keeping the Post office, two dollars in full for the National Preacher and requested Cole to have the Pamphlet Stoped.

July 27th Hay is sold at five dollars cash. A verry Sharp drought, there has been no rain for three week yesterday. An uncommon good chance to make hay and there is a midling crop of Hay.

Sept. 8th The drought is verry Severe yet, the grafs fields are almost as dead as in winter - however it is a general time of health. Rev. Mr. Marsh has lately arived from a tour to Coos; says it is verry dry that way but health is there enjoyed.

Nov. 3rd Brother John Woodman and his wife from Minott were here & I settled with him for all the wool that he left here last Spring. Fryday. Bro Woodman & wife set out for home Nov. 6th.

Nov. 19th Died yesterday Alvan Bickford, died with Consumption aged 30 years. Son of Dodevah Bickford, he had lost one hand by the bursting of a Gun at the Eastward on 4th July several years ago.

ril 21st — I paid in to Lauristor Ward Treasurer Scholarship Subscription, ten dollar, this I think is the 3d payment that I have made, & two more is to be paid.

I bought fifty six Cedar posts of Capt. S. Moody, gave Seven dollars for them and Set them at the head of the Currier field.

Quite a freshet in the River considering it is made Chiefly by Snow. I am told by Colo. Leavitt of Effingham that there is one foot of Snow in the woods now. With them we have had but verry little Rain for Several weeks.

MAY

y 16th — James Murch, Son of Capt. James Murch, was drowned. Fell from Mr. Cleaves wharf, 8 year old & over. Buryed on Sunday 17th, a verry large collection of people.

y 22nd — Fryday. I was on a Refference with Wm. Goodenow & J. Tucker Junr. To causes, one, Saml. Cole against Capt. Jona Cleaves for trespafs of taking down a wharfing by the river on googhes Island, below the Bog Mill Junr., an other cause, Cleaves against Cole for damage of his abusing him after he had taken down the wharfing. In the first we gave no damage, in the 2d we awarded to Cleaves 13.33 damage, & cost was 14.12, making 27.45.

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JUN

e 19th — I set out for Turner, first day went to Capt. M. Woodman, N. Glouceste, 2d night stoped at Brother John Woodman, then went to Turner, stoped there three nights, then came back to Minott, Stoped one night at Bro. Woodman, & 25 thursday, came from Minott home. Broke Chaise Spring about Six miles from Portland, I had to walk home.

July

y 4th — Saturday. A great many people went to Alfred, Two parties. Came on a verry fine rain Saturday night, Some rainy Sunday.

Oct.

7th — Wednesday evening. Dr. B.C. Green delivered an addrefs on Temperance, and there was a County Temperance Society formed, & a Constitution adopted. The first annual meeting to be the day preceeding the Yearly meeting of County Bible Society & then to agree on the time Simi annual meeting shall be if any. Isaac Lane Esq. President of the Society, the Societies are to be auxliary.

DEC

10th — My father Abel Merrill Deceased at Turner, aged eighty one & half years.

Decm. 28th Monday. Expences in building House for Small Pox: 3 load of Ref Board, one 38 & one 40 - other load Survd 6 Mc. Cash paid Chales Lewis for 1600 of Brick (?) 4.00

Jany. 9th 280 feet poor Square Ref Boards & 40 feet mer dimesition stuff. had about 100 feet hemlock Board from Jere C. Stimson House & 100 feet dry wayn Ref. The above Refuse boards had of Bradbury & Stimson. I paid or allowed to Stimson by Crediting him on my account for paid in cash.

DEC.

12th Saturday. Rainny, the river has been catched over but is now open again, people have been driving Log for several weeks past , have got nearly down.

14th Monday. Fair & pleasant and, tuesday people are rafting Log now of their late drive.

21st Monday night. The River Shut up above the falls.

25th, 26th, & 27th.
Fryday. Mofes Canny came home from Sea about ten days ago. Arived at New York & from thence home. 26th Saturday, it is asertained that Canny has the Small Pox, is at his Grandmother, old Lady Haley. We had hard work to get a place to move him too. At length the 27th, on Sunday, we moved him dwon to George Gouldthwaits house at the lower end of Town. Carried him between two horses, one before the other. Monday Capt. Lassell came up and Smoked old Lady Haley House in order to clear it of the Infection of the Small Pox. The old Lady still remains in the house, Hans Nelson & Jacob Bridges are taking Care of Canny below.

28th Monday. The River is open below the falls, and our boys are gone down to Smith Eddy to help tow up the Schooner Saco to the wharf, this is the 4th verry pleasant day Indeed, for the Season

29th Capt. Murch began to Load the Schr. & finished loading.

31st Capt. Murch moved down with his Schooner, the river is open above & below the falls.
(River Shut up about 6th of Jany.)

JAN

4th Monday night. Mofes Canny died with the Small Pox buried tuesday. Wednesday Jacob Bridges & Hans Nelson, who took care of Canny came home making up Eleven days attendance on 10½.

8th & 10th We this day removed wido Dorcas Haley out to the Pest house, we got Wm. Nelson, & Mrs. Stone to nurse her. Mrs. Haley Died Saturday night 9th about 36 hours after we removed her, buried her near the house in the woods, on Sunday nurses came home the same day 10th Jany. Mrs. Haley began to complain on tuesday, the same day that Canny was buried. I called Dr. Bacon tuesday evening 5th day of Jany so she lived about 5 days after being taken and about Six days after Mofes Canny.

JAN

ny 13th Wednesday. Came a little Snow at night So that the Sleding is quite good a hard Icy bottom.
A fire in Portland, we discovered the Light about ten o'clock at night, it is stated that there was ten building lost.

ny 31st Mr. Josiah Hill of this town died Sabbath night aged 79 years a verry worthy Citazen.

FEB

by. 2nd Our State Legislature have been Sitting 23 days, have met in convention this day 8 Senators being the Jackson half and seventy ~~Jackson~~ Represtives with drew and protested against the convention, and So left the other 8 Senators with Seventy five of the House, and the Speaker of the House Presided & then balloted for three Senators for York County. Unanimous 83 votes for Usher & Appleton, 81 for Bodwell 2 Pike then gave ballot for one Senator for Washington Co 83 for Obadiah Hill.

by. 3rd Died Saco, in factory tennement, Mr. Levi Gillpatrick aged Had lived in Biddeford Several years, his wife died five years ago last month.

by. 8th Mr. Benja. Pike & myself were on a referance at Capt. Banks. Capt. Nath Crosby against William Dearing of Waterboro concerning a Kiln of Brick. Set up by John Lassell & Samuel Gray & sold at auction by King & Wood for the benefit of of Said William Dearing, Nov. 29th 1828. We gave it in favor of Crosby 36.49 dollar damage 36.49
cost witnes 7.29 Referes 4.00 room 1.25 12.54
49.03

by 21st SACO FACTORY BURNT, on Sabbath day 21 of February, 1830 About 3 o'clock, just as our meeting was done, We discovered it to be on fire and went to it as Soon as we could but too late to prevent it being destroyed. The whole Factory building was ruined and about 160 feet of the brick boarding house was destroyed, Lofs estimated at 250,000 dollars.

(Factory 210 feet in Length, 47 feet in width, six stories in Hight.)

by 25th The Small Pox has broken out again, old Mr. James Bradbury died this night with the Small Pox & was buried a few hours after. & His daughter Miriam is now sick with the same disorder. aged 82

MAR

rch 1st Monday March 1st fair & cold rather, to day the health Committee met & concluded to put two fences

rch 1st acrofs the road down near James Bradbury on account of the Small Pox.

Probate Court at Saco.

rch 3rd Mr. Obed Hooper of this town died last night with Typhus fever, Sick but a short time, buried 4th. Elder Clark attended the funeral.

rch 8th Monday. Rev. Nathl Webster died at Portland, he was minister in the first Parish 40 years or more, it is nearly two years Since he moved to Portland.

To day one third of the Schooner Saco, Danl Deshon part, was sold at Auction. Capt. Wm. Murch Bid it off at 575 dollars & Moses Bradbury and myself agree to take half with him. Paid by note, payable in four months.

rch 15th Monday. I went to N. Yarmouth, Saw Winslow & Bisby, & they are building a double carding Machine. Say we can have it at 400 dollars, payments, one hundred down & one hundred Pr. year for three years after. And they should ask 225 dollars for a Single Machine say without cards. Then they will come up and set the cards but we must pay their stage fare up and board them while here & we must likewise Send down and get the machine.

rch 16th Tuesday. Mr. John Hooper of Biddeford died with consumption, aged about 53 years.

rch 18th Thursday. A smart rain last night, there were Some vessels came up to the wharf yesterday. Open below falls; above falls, 19th March.

rch 26th Fryday. Was a verry Stormy day Snow high wind from East came nearly one foot of Snow much drifted. The tide I believe was the fulest that has been within the recolection of any now living. Did great damage at Portland Bridges and wharf, removed many Stacks of Hay on the Marsh in Scarboro.

Considerable damage done at Boston wharf.

ril 10th Sunday. Went below to meeting & there were eight Persons aded to the Church below. Widow Alice Emery 80 years of age, Mrs. Deboro Emery, Widow of Capt. Stephen Bunker, John C. Hussey & wife, George F. Golthwait, Mrs. Felker & Nancy Joy ten years old daughter of Benja. Joy.

APR

11 22nd Deceased this day Martha Hooper, daughter of Samuel Tarbox, Aged and wife of Samuel Hooper of Biddeford.

11 29th I received forty dollar of Jona King, a dividend on Wharf Share, for the year past.

No dividend at Bank this term.

Cyrus Stone, Deceased about ten or twelve day ago a youngman, we believe who knew Religion. Had received an Academical Education at Saco and was preparing for the Ministry. Deceased at Buxton, Capt. Jabez Lane an oficer in the Revolution, and has received it is said over three thousand dollars by Pension.

MAY

21st Died at Saco, Ephraim Ridlon of Saco, an aged man belonged to Free mason lodg.

JUNE

e 6th Sunday. Jere Hill & wife were here. Smart rain at night, Some Showers on monday.

Parish Funds, application to be made by the minister before the annual Town meeting in any year if not (applied for say the Interest of it) then the Interest to be aded to the Principal for that year made to the Treasurer of the Parish funds.

e 8th I took a Deed to day of Wido Martha Cole for the homested farm. I gave my note to Mrs. Cole for 135 dollars to be paid in Six months with Interest.

e 21st Monday. Cloudy yet wi(n)dy & quite Cold. No Logs (have) hardly got down as yet this Season.

JULY

y 8th A small rain to day, we have received to day fifty Coppys of Folsoms History of Saco & Biddeford.

y 14th We began to mow yesterday, but verry few people have begun to mow as yet. I believe there has been an abundance of Small Rains for several weeks past. People are now about in the hight of rafting Logs. There been but verry few rafted before now, for this Season.

22nd Thursday. Capt. Silvanus Lowell was buried, aged 86 Blind.

24th Saturday. Mr. Ralph Emery of this Town was driving oxen with a small load of Hay attempting to drive in to the barn, got hurt somehow by the wheel striking him. He was immediately discovered and carried in. Lived about 3 hours, was buried Sabbath day 25th of July, had been on the Pension List a number of years, 70 years of age.

Nov. 2nd A meeting of the Stock holders of the Saco Bank to see if they would petition for to Renew their Charter it having nearly expired. Vote to not petition 70 against 61 for it.

JULY

y 31st Saturday. Fair day after six days of cloudy & Rainny weather. The (river) has risen to a good pitch for driving Logs and the people are atending to that. Some hay now in cock that was mowed ten days ago, Moses Bradbury Jr. Has some.

ust 1st Sabbath day. At meeting at Saco Mr. Johnson Preached. At six O'clock afternoon a lecture by Mr. Marsh at Isaac Bickfords, they had their Children Baptised. Seven daughters and a boy living with them at that time. Text on the Baptism of Lydia and her house hold.

ust 8th Sabbath communion 2d Church, should have been the last Sabbath but it was rainy.

SEPT

t. 3rd Fryday. John Scamman Jnr. Died short Sicknefs Colora morbes, I believe, the same day Gibson Ridlon Junr. of Saco - also a Child Son of James R. Bryant. Eat too many black Cherrys.

t. 17th A meeting to the uper meeting house Dr. Smart of KPort on Temperance and a Society was formed. Isaac Emery President, Dr. Bacon Secratary, Nathl Emery, Moses Bradbury Junr. & myself Standing Committee &c

ober 2nd Saturday. Half past seven in the evening, Departed this life Caroline Meserve the wife Capt. Luke Meserve. She was well the day before & was washing, took violent cold & began to complain in the evening. At midnight was seised with a Cramp in every limb & we do suppose that she was death struck at that time & lived about 18 hours. Left two children, Ann Moriah and George Henry, youngest about 14 months old. The funeral was on monday 4th, Elder Clark attend the funeral Mr. Marsh being absent.

NOV

. 27th Capt. Mureh arived from Boston after a voyage of nearly 4 weeks. Began to load again tuesday 30th and it stormed snow moderately all day. The tide flowed over the wharf so much that they had to stop haling an hour or two in the middle of the day. People move some in slays today for the first this Season.

DEC

. 2nd Thanks Giving. Meeting at uper house, text 5th Ephesians, 20 verse giving thank always. I went to meeting in the slay, but poor. It is thawy the ground is frozen but a little.

Died 27th of Novm. I believe Mr. James Coffin of Saco aged 86 years.

DEC.

m. 13th Monday rather cool but the river is open yet We stoped fulling & dying for the present for want of work.

m. 16th Deceased in Saco Alexander C. Putnam he was Editor of the Saco Palladium; Consumption.

m. 19th Went to meeting below & communion day there, two person admitted to the Church: the wife of Joseph Tarbox & the wife of Samuel Tarbox Junr. A lecture at Joseph Dearborns, evening.19th Sabbath night the River frose over above the falls and the vessels all put down on Saturday. Came a little Snow Sabbath night Monday pleasant we killed our Hogs one weighed 330 & the other weighed 290.

m. 25th Saturday a smart Rain Sunday 26 snow all gone & verry muddy indeed.

m. 27th Monday Verry steady rain all day Ice gone below, the River open above the falls again. Quite a Spring freshet.

m. 29th Rafting to day. Departed this life 29th Esreff Stimson aged 27. Buried Thursday 30th Rev. C. Marsh attended the funeral 4 o'clock. He attended the funeral of Rhoda Curtifs Deaf & dumb person a town pauper at one o'clock. Then in the evening attend the Marriage of Amaziah Emery to Abigail Tappan.

m. 31st Some Rainny to day we might Plough to without any hinderment of frost. Good ox mefs Beef sold at 3 dollars now. Saturday cleared off afternoon, Smart rain last night, water so high that our mills nearly stopd. Knap of Salem was executed yesterday the 31 of Dcembr.

JAN.

y 5th Wednesday its considerable rainny to day, River yet rising Mill Stop with freshet.

y 10th Monday night Fire Society met at Jere Jordans Saco the old members paid in three quarterages making 75 cents.

y 13th Buried the widow of Persia Bickford of this town aged 80 years also the same day Thomas Tounge of this Town lower end. 13th Jany the River is open yet; quite cold now: ground is just covered with Snow but no Sleding.

y 20th The River is yet open in the Middle: verry windy & Cold: no Sleding at all.

JAN
y 21st Fair & cold the River Shut up last night.

JAN
y 31st Monday fair & pleasant, we went down to Mr. Marshes in afternoon went in Chaise but Capt. Bradbury went in Slay but much better Chaising.

FEB
y 2nd We had School Clafs meeting new District taken from the 4th D called the 11th district. I Emery moderator Tristram Jordan Jnr. Clerk vote to build a School House Chose a committee of 3 to see if they could purchase a lot & to Receve proposals of Individuals to build said house & Report at the adjournment on 2d wednesday of this month.

FEB
y 3rd Samuel & Mary P. set out for Turner came on Stormy at night first snow then rain. The stage run on wheels today. Thomas Bryant was picked in the road drunk about 10 at night and stoped here because he could not get along untill half past twelve.

FEB
y 9th Wednesday evening School Clafs meeting at Elisha Perkins voted to purchase a lot of Mr. D. Stone at 42½ dollars, then E. Perkins undertook to build the School House for 300 dolls to have two thirds of His pay while building & the third when compleated. Voted to asses a tax of 360 dollars immediately.

FEB
y 15th West Bridge, we are Repair said Bridge, building a pier & ce.

FEB
y 17th Fair & thawy & sloppy worked on Bridge.

FEB
y 18th Blustiring wind & cold framming pier.

ch 1st We finished repairing the Western Bridge. Verry pleasant and has been for three days past, sleding all done except on the River.

ch 3rd Rained a little & quite warm. I went to Scarborough Bot a pair of 4 year old Steers of J.D. Fabyan 50 dol there is a wart he called it on one of them on fore foot a little above due claw he warrants them sound, wart & all not to hurt him.

ch 4th Fryday. Deacon John Davis of this town Deceased Last Sabbath morning I believe aged about 75 years.

Capt. Wm. Nason, Capt. John Tarbox Jur. went his mate. Jacob Gillpatrick, Israel Sheppard & Willm. Perkins sailed from this port about 4 months ago & have not been heard of Since as yet.

MR.
ch 7th Monday parish meeting of the Subcribers for the support

MARCH

ch 7th of Rev. Christopher Marsh. Chose William Smith Clerk & C. Marsh Treasur. Moses Bradbury, Oliver Libbey, & Samuel Assesors. R. T. Jordan Esq. & Abram Norwood a committee to setle with I Lassell Treasurer for 1828; then voted to take advice of E. Shepley concerning the Collecting Subscription by law, & if he thinks favorable then to go on to collect by Law. The collectors chosen were Isaac Bickford, William Smith, John Murch, Daniel Holman, & Alexander Goldthwait (?)

E. Shepley says he sees no difficulty but that our Parish Subscription can be legally collected.

ch 10th Sold a beef ox to Major Jos. Hill 38.25, had 126 lb. rough tallow - hide 94 lb. the whole weight 1026.

ch 16th This day Mr. John Downen of KPort was buried, the large man Six feet & a half in hight & well proportioned had been deranged at times during nearly his whole life time. Had been confined nearly a year privious to his death.

ch 23rd Wednesday there were vessels sailed up to the wharf and the Ice cleared of above the falls the night following. We are loading the Schooner Saco for Boston.

ch 26th Saturday. A Boy was killed at the Factory a son of Samuel Floyd 13 years old. The new Factory Company had began to take down the ruins of the factory. The Brick wall having taken or underminded a colum it fell on the boy, buried him & cused instant death.

Several meeting having been had by a large Committee of 15 appointed by the Lyseum. Their last meeting was tuesday evening 29 March. They then nominated a Committee to present the Lyseum 8 of Saco & 4 of Biddeford & their duty to be to look up children who do not attend School and know the reason why they do not attend the coming season.

APRIL

l 8th Fryday. I paid five dollars to Capt. S. Moody being my Subscription parish Saco Johnson & paid 2.72 cents a tax on two galerry pews Saco meeting house asso Church Collectors I paid to Jona King for to pay over.

Capt. Wm. Murch went to Boston first Trip this Season and Chartered out the Schooner Saco at Boston @ 350 dollars per month to go to Trinidad De Cuba, we to victual & man said Schconer at our expense.

APRIL

9th Smart Rain last night with verry heavy wind after Shifting to South west. Blew down a Shed of wido Peggy Mc Intir & Joshua H. Bradbury & John Hoopers.

APRIL

il 9th The water is verry high in the River stoped all the mills. The heaviest wind I think I ever knew for a whole day of fair weather or squally snow cloud.

il 11th Monday had a town meeting and voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as a committee to divide the 4th School District it was acceped and is as follows Beginning at the Eddy mill, so called and running up the Small Brook to the widow Leightons taking all that part of the 4 District North & westerly of the old mill road up to the Hay Scales & then on both sides of the road on by the meeting house and on the post Road westerly to and including Dodivah Bickford & have called it 11th District then voted that Israel Clifford be taken from the 5th district and annexed to the 4 District.

il 19th Tuesday. We had a meeting of parishers to see how we could raise hundred dollars for Rev. Mr. Marsh and we began by contributig and we got on 65 dollars at the meeting. We then chose a Committee of five to wait on the Rev. C. Marsh and enquire whether he could relinquish some part of his salary it appears that he has now Recd $468.94 for 1829 and for 1830 he has received 286.20 cnts & now 100 more. Voted to adjourn the meeting to Saturday 30th day of April to receive the report of the committee.

il 25th Meeting of 11th School Clafs and voted to raise 360 dollars to build a School house and purchase a Lot for Said House. Chose Isaac Emery, Moses Bradbury Jun. and William Smith agents to procure teachers. Voted to employ a woman five months first.

MAY

12th Thursday. Israel Lafsell Esq. was buried. Was examned after his death his vitals were in a perfect state but the pasage from his stomach was near filled up. He had been complaining for a year or two.

MAY

15th The Rev. John Turner Preached two Sermons this day 15th May text afternoon the Kingdom of God cometh not by observation.

MAY

19th I planted some corn yesterday the 18th and potatoes too. Samuel is gone to Kennebunk to a four day meeting.

MAY

23rd Monday. A Town meeting & Raised 250 dollars of additional money for Highway.

23 a Committee of 5 were chosen the Last week consisting Ralph T. Jordan Esq., Nathl Emery, Wm. Smith, Oliver Libby, & Samuel Merrill to wait on the Rev. C. Marsh and See if he would Relinquish his Contract with us and the reason for this procedure is because we cannot raise a Sufficency to support him and he has consented

May 23rd to give it up when this year is half out or at 15th of July 1831.

June 5th Sabbath day meeting below to day. We have had Lectures and prayer meeting pretty often an enquiry meeting once each week & a prayer meeting at the same time by the Ch. 12 or more have entertained hopes of a Saving been wrought.

June 20th Daniel Tarbox died aged 92.

June 25th Some people have begun Haying.

June 27th We mowed our white weed field down.

June 28th Lowring and Small Showers, hay in swaths.

July 2nd Saturday we got in two Jags of Hay that was mowed last monday.

July 9th Saturday quite a shower. I had Just got into the field after a load of hay when the shower came it is now 2 weeks since we began to hay . I have attended to it close, have got in but about 3 ton.

July 14th Thursday. We finished mowing in the Currer field yesterday 15th and came on to day rainny. We got in a small Load but partly made a great deal of hay out, now I expect more than common.

We have made arangment with Rev. C. Marsh and he has agreed to give the contract which we made with him 3½ years ago up, and we are now pasing a Subscription to see how much we can get Subribed to have him to preach with us for the year to come to commence the year middle of July 1831.

July 26th Tuesday we had a Subscriber meeting we have got nearly 300 dollars Sub. we concluded that we offer to Rev. C. Marsh 400 dollars for one year and chose a Committee of two Moses B. Jun. & O. Libby to Inform Mr. Marsh of our resolution and Mr. Marsh has consented to accept.

Aug 7th Sabbath. To day there were propounded for admission to the Second Church in Biddeford twenty persons Vizi. Moses Bradbury Jun., Wm. Smith & wife, Ivory Dame & wife Geo H. Adams (wife of Nehemaah Bradbury, a wido Carter Augusta Kranska, Joanna Cole, William Scamman, Olive Emery, Freeman Emery, John K. Gillpatrick & wife, Rebecca Staples, Sarah Bowden, Elizabeth Smith, Eliza Hill, & S. T. Merrill. & Sunday 21 were admitted twelve of those above names were Sabbath School Teachers & the first quarter for this Season is compleated to day 7th Aug.

Aug 7th Subscribers of the Bank Stock met at the Saco Bank monday 8th day of August, 9 0'clock. Chose a committee of arangements and adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon Then met again & chose an other committee of three Viz. Jona King, Mellen, & Batcheldore to draght bye laws, procure paper, & get it stamped, see at what compensation a Cashier can be procured and Receive proposals for a Banking room, and to Report to the adjournment which is to be thursday the first day of September at 9 o'clock A. M.

York Bank

Aug 21st Sabbath, in afternoon there were eleven children baptized. Joseph 2, Nehemiah Bradbury 2, William Smith 5, John K. Gillpatrick one, Rebecca Staples one.

Oct 2nd Sunday. Communion in 2d Church Biddeford and the following persons were admitted to the Church Viz. John Johnson, & wife of Saco Mrs. Mary Brock, Eliza Hooper, Mary P. Merrill, Emmily Cole, Mary Ann Clifford, Eliza Emery.

Oct 3rd Monday. A meeting of the Stock holders of Saco Bank & chose 7 directors to Settle up the businefs & Concerns of Said Bank. The directors are Jos. Leland, Saml. Hartly, Samuel Peirson, John Shepley, Geo. Thacher, Moses Emery, & myself. Then the directors, chose Samuel Peirson to be President and the York Bank now takes the place of the Saco Bank. They put up 2000 dollars Spanish mill (dollars) in ord to send it to Boston by Capt. Hartly. Expect to get 1¼ Percent premium.

Oct 11th Tuesday, this was the day appointed for Genl. Muster at Buxton, but it was so Stormy that but a part of the peoples attended and they did not pafs the review.

Oct 18th Tuesday evening went down to Rev. C. Marsh. The committee coming who contracted with Rev. C. Marsh & to see the 500 dollars forth/ were notified to meet us above. Natl. Emery M. Bradbury Jr., Asa Clark, & myself attended only.

Oct 26th Wednesday. Installed this day at the lower meeting House in Biddeford, Rev. Stephen Merrill Lately from Kitery Point. I attended the examination on tuesday evening previous but did not attend the Instlation. A lecture at the vestry wednesday evening by D. D. Tappen, O Lord revive us again.

A meeting continued at the lower Parish until Fryday or to Saturday noon.

Nov 7th I received a dividend on one Share of Proprietors Wharf Saco Sixty dollars, being the Income for the year past.

NOV

ov. 11th Fryday evening I met with the committee of the Temperance Society at Ether Shepleys office & concluded to appoint a meeting at Rev. S. Johnsons meeting house on fryday evening 16th Instant at half past six o'clock and that the Committee request the Several Clergy men to give publick notice next Sabbath.

ov. 22nd Tuesday. Smart rain and verry high wind S Easterly broke the raft of Logs below the boom verry much so that the people had to boom the bridge & so Saved two or three hundred Logs. Afternoon came 2 or 3 inches of hail & snow and the first that has been here this fall. A vessel went ashore at the Pool near Capt. Waldo Hills Hands Saved but vessel Lost.

DEC

c. 1st A day of Thanksgiving & praise. Snowed a verry little in forenoon, quite good Slaying, cleared off in the afternoon.

c. 3rd I paid 72 dollars to Levi Hutchinson for building a wall at the end of Tree bridge below.

c. 5th I bought a Barrel of flour fo Tristm. Jordan and paid him 6.50 cash down & c.

c. 6th Fair & cold, good Sleding now. We have Stoped our fulling for the present.

c. 18th Deceased a few days ago George Perkins of this town aged eighty or more.

c. 26th Monday. It snowed about 3 inches, fell rather moderate. The Influenzy is verry prevelant at this time.

c. 31st A Church fast at the Rev. C. Marshes and a lecture at the Vestry, ½ past 2 O'clock.

JAN

ny 15th Sabbath day. Verry pleasant & warm. Also on Monday the sleding is going fast. News of the death of Benj. Pike Esq., of Saco. He died on Saturday night 14th was brot home on monday and buried on wednesday from the meeting House. A large meeting although Cloudy and Some rainny, his age was 62 years. He was at Augusta when he died, a Senator at the first Session of the Court in that place.

ny 22nd I went to the funeral of Mr. Joseph Staples of this Town aged 73. He died Saturday 20th, Consumption, he was a pensioner Revolution.

y 29th Sabbath day. A little Stormy of Snow & continued until monday night, then it changed to rain and continued a number of hours, tuesday morning fair and the crust so hard as to bear up a man, thurs. came one foot or more of Snow & considerable drifted.

JANY

ny 31st Tuesday fair, the road in many places is flowed with water in consequence of the Snow.

FEB

by 1st Wednesday morning. The crust is now hard enough to bear a person, the boys are Scating on crust.

rch 4th Sunday. Meeting at the meeting House to day.
5th Monday rains Storm, Probate Court a Saco. Selectmen Complain to Judge for a Guardian for John Gray , he having made great waste of, in permiting people to cut wood on his Land.

rch 15th Died in Biddeford about 2 weeks ago Mr. John Stevenson, had been Sick nearly year.

A meeting Thursday evening at Vestry on Sabbath School Subject. Chose a Committee of Seven to Look up the children, get their names See if they will attend Sabbath School & if not why or what's wanting.

Geo.H. Adams Superintenden
Dr. Bacon, Wm. Smith, & S. Merrill a Standing Committee to act with the Superintendant & that the above Board Should appoint a Librarian & should be his duty to deliver the Books to each teacher and they to the Scholars & that be a Subscription paper passed to raise money to replenish the Library & c.

rch 19th Town Meeting. Voted to pay Rev. C. Marsh Eight dollars for his Serveses as one of the School Committee, alsc to pay Dr. Horace Bacon do five dollars.

Voted to discount to Edmund Coffin one hundred dollars on account of Some losses that he thinks he has sustained, say fifty dollars, paid & Indorsed on Mifs Ann or Sophie Moody order and Said order is said to have been Lost with the Indorsement & also Six dollars of Counterfit money. And he is now to Settle up with out delay and to have no more abatments whatever on his old Bill or any thing relating to them.

pril 2nd Monday. I with Wm. Smith & H. Lowell went to Kennebunk attended Probate Court and Wm. Smith was appointed Guardian of John Gray a Spend thrift. H. Lowell & myself his sureties in the Sum of two thousand dollars. Tristram Jordan Jun. Josiah Stimson & Isaac Bickford, appointed Appraisers to Said Johns Estate.

pril 16th A School Clafs meeting 11th District, chose Tristram Jordan Clerk of said District, Isaac Emery, Wm. Smith & Moses Bradbury Juner Agents, voted that the agents pay out of the town money fifteen dollars or out of said districts proportion of money voted by the town for Schools to help make or pay the deficency in building Said School house.

May 1st 2nd Paragraph corrected

(Protracted Meeting at B. Continued;afternoon meeting began 2 o'clock a pray meeting one hour first; the(n) commenced servise, Mr. Clark of Wells first prayer and Mr. Merrill of Bidd Preached a Sermon)

July 20th Benjamin Berry died with consumption confined about one ye

April 16th The understanding of the meeting was to have 4 months of a man teacher and a cheap woman School at the Same time to instruct the Small Scholars.

April 17th Tuesday. I paid five dollars in to Wm. Goodwin being my Singing School Subscription. I also furnished one dollar worth of pine wood.

Cold and rainny to day, river rises Some. I bought ten gallons of Molases of T. Jordan & paid 20 shillings for it.

May 1st Tuesday, our protracted meeting began at ten o'clock A.M., first a prayer meeting at the Vestry at 5 o'clock in the morning. Cloudy and Some rainny and quite muddy. Mr. Marsh made the first prayer at the meeting House, Wm. Merrill 2d prayer and Mr. Gillet preaced text Acts 16th & 30th.

Protracted Meeting at B. Continued afternoon meeting began 2 o'clock a pray Servise Mr. Clark of Wells first prayer and Mr. Merrill of Bidd. Preached a Sermon.

Meeting in the evening at Vestry Mr. Clark of W. spoke text the thief on the Crofs - Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

May 2nd Wednesday. Morning meeting at 5, Vestry one hour, then met at meeting house half past nine one hour in prayer, then the minister went up in to the desk a sermon by Mr. Johnson Saco, text Hebrews 4th 11 & 12 verses, let us labour therefore to enter in to that rest lest any man fall after the Same example of unbelief - for the word of God is quick & powerful.

May 21st John Leighton died with Consumption.

July 4th We had a prayer meeting in forenoon at our meeting house and contribution for the benefit of Affrican Colonization, we attended in the afternoon at Saco.

The papers say that the Colera has begun at New York and continues.

News of the death of Dea Thos. Bradbury at Sandwich aged 53. A decay of consumption, was sick perhaps 8 or 10 weeks, suffered but little pain but gradually Seemed to waiste away & died in faith, & we have strong consolation in believing that he is now in a better world.

Aug
S. 1st Nathl. Perkins of this town died about first of August.

Aug. 17th Fryday. The Church met at Rev. C. Marshes and voted that the request which he made for dismission be granted, that a council be appointed to dissolv the connextion between him and the 2d Church.

g. 19th Sunday. Communion day and there were eight persons united to the Church this day Viz. Tristram Clark & wife, widow of Capt. Benja. Gillpatrick, the wife of Aaron Clark, Olenda Pinkham, Axah Clifford, Olive M. Stimson & Harriot Newell Clark - Joseph Staples and wife were propounded but it being verri rainy day they did not attend meeting.

g. 20th Rev. Christopher Marsh Set out on a Journey West, and to to be absent four or five week but he asked dismission from us and the Church voted to grant it previous to his Journying and the reason of this transaction is because he could not live on 400 dolls.

g. 28th Brother Thomas and his wife from Turner were here on a visit. 30th We went down to the Pool, took Dinner a Hussey.

Died a week or two ago Benja. Goodridge of this town an aged man and a Pensioner.

Sept. 15th Mr. Giles Leach from Andover Institution came to preach with us for Six weeks on probation.

pt. 25th Rev. Mr. Marsh returned from a long Journey to Boston and to Vermont, had been absent 5 weeks. And he attended the weding of Geo. H. Adams on tuesday evening and Mr. Adams moved in to his house the sam day.

Oct. 1st Joseph Staples & his wife received into the Church to day both baptised.

t. 2nd Monday. Smart Rain in the afternoon, General Muster at Saco, a misty wet day verry muddy indeed . however they went through with the businefs of the day.

t. 12th Fryday. I set out Just before sunset and rode up to Hollis to see Mr. Obed Fofs. The moon arose about 8 o'clock and I set out for home about ½ past nine, got home ½ past eleven. Mr. Fofs is quite low & sick of consumption. Has a hope that a Saving Change has been affected on his mind a month or two ago.

t. 27th Feryday. Mr. Giles Leach left here in the acommodation Stage to go to Dover & from thence to Sandwich, N. Hamsh. He preached with us Six Sabbaths, for which we paid him forty two dollar besides his board.

At our meeting on monday evening last we concluded for the subscribers for minister should pay one shilling .

Oct. 27th on the dollar of their Subscription to pay Mr. Leach with.

We then chose a committee to procure an other candidate. Dea Clark, Wm. Smith and Geo. H. Adams.& they have sent to Mr. Fisk.

Oct. 29th Sabbath day. Rev. Mr. Merrill preached in our meeting House in the forenoon.

Rev. Mr. Marsh preached his farewell Sermon in the afternoon.

Nov.

Nov. 25th A little Snow to day so as to whiten the ground and the first this fall.

There was a Schooner from Union falls which was built there, came dow river to day Some thing new. They have now got to haul her out and by the falls - here.

Sunday, Nov. 25. Mr. Phillip Goldthwait of Biddeford, he had kept the Light on wood Island, Deceased rather Sudden.

DEC

Dec. 6th Thanksgiving day. Tolerable good slaying. We had our meetg. at the Vestry and read one of Dr. Payson Sermons, prepared for Such an occation.

Dec. 10th Paul Hussey fell overboard from his boat down by T. Morrils & was drowned - aged

Dec. 15th The River has been Closed for a few days and opened agained. It is now about closing again. The first snow is mostly gone but we have a littl came lately which make it Slaying now but not good.

Hollis Schooner They made a third trial to haul her out but got her but about half way out of the river.

Decm. 26th I with Jere C. Stimson Signed as Sureties a note. Daniel Robert and Israel Wakefield as principal for 370 dol. and we took a mortgage for 25 acres of Land which they lately bot of Danl. S. Hooper to be paid in 3 years one third at the end of each.

Jany.

ny 2nd Wednesday. Rev. C. Marsh from Cambridge Port came here & preached a lecture at our Vestry in the evening text James 4th "Draw nigh to God & he will draw nigh to you."

I have got through my cloth work in the Shop at present and I have done all the Shop work with my Own hands this season & pretty Snug work too about 6000 milld. cloth.

ny 3rd I setled with Lydia Sevey for 16 weeks work @ .50 cents and is in full up to monday 31 day of December.

ny 7th Monday. Brother Obed Fofs died Last night, he had been Sick some more than a year with Consumption.

ny 16th Came 6 inches of Snow last nigh but turned to Rain in morning made it quite Spashy. We hauled 3 load rocks afternoon for Seller which makes 22 load that we have now hauled. The 14th & 15th we hauled on wheels, 17th 18th hauled Rocks on Sled hauld. 9 loads so we have hauled 31 load.

ny 18th There were three wemen died at Buxton in one day it is said.

It is Stated that the above persons died of the Asiatic Collary.

Saturday verry cold day indeed, we were hauling Rocks. Sunday more moderate, Monday quite thawy also tuesday the 22d J. C. Stimson has our omen to day to go to Hollis after a couples of strick Sils for Saw mill.

ny 25th Phidela Smith daughetr of Nahum Smith died last week of consumption also a daughter of John C. Falker delerie (?) also in Saco the wife of Joseph Gillea also the wife of Capt. Farris and she was the daughter of Capt. Marshall.

Mar. 24 Sunday. Quite pleasant the week past. People have given up going on the River.

" 30 This has been a cold week for the last week in March. The ice in the River is about as strong apparently as it was a week ago.

April 1 Monday. The ice cleared out of the River today. Very pleasant.

Oct. 16 The main boom gave way, suppose about 2000 logs. The river is not very high and the people were not expecting the boom to fail. They stopped what logs came against the west Bridge but those that went east of the Island run by and went over the falls.

" 21 Our fulling mill stoped on account of high water for the whole of last week. Abundance of cloudy and rainy weather at this time.

Nov. 12 Tuesday. Cloudy in foremoon and it cleared away in the afternoon very squally with high wind. Cool and clear at night. Some north light at 9 o'clock in the evening. I got up a little after 5 o'clock in morning (13th) and was quite surprised in going out of doors to see the Stars to appearance shooting constantly. They seemed to shoot mostly from over head and so run East West North & South and continue until they disappeared by the daylight coming in. They commonly left a stream behind them. Some gave considerable light when passing. 13th clear and verry brisk wind, nothing appeared uncommon today. This I believe was altogether a new sight.

1834
Jan.15 I made out an account against State of Maine for crow bounty. 210 crows 16.80. I gave oath to it before George Thatcher Esq., & sent it by mail to Augusta to Captain Emery.

June 13 Fryday. A Justice Court at Saco concerning some of the Factory girls or boy, taking some things not their own.

Aug. 18 Capt. Haven Emery buried his youngest Son today. He was drowned at Boston, fell between wharf and the vessel. He was brot home and buried. About 13 years old.

" 29 Fryday. I am this day fifty eight years old and O what a length of time for one to live in sin. Now shall I not try to redeem the time that has been worse than wasted?

Aug. 29 We have had a union meeting this evening which is the thirtieth of the kind that has been in Saco and this town in the space of fifteen weeks past.

Sep. 12 The Methodist Society have held a camp meeting this week to end tomorrow morning at K.Port. A lite frost last night and the first that has been this fall. Corn is but a small part out of reach of frost as yet.

" 14 Sunday morning. This is the third morning that has been frosty but lite frosts and today it is warmer.

" 15 Fine and warm today, pretty good prospect for corn yet. The moon will be full day after tomorrow so we the frost came several days before the full. Sunday 5 o'clock went over to Saco to hear a Dr. Matherson Preach, he is from England. Text Matthew 12th & 42d verse, the queen of the South shall rise up in judgement.

Sept. 23 Tuesday. General Muster today & a very good day, the Regiment met up at Saml Jordans Saco.

" 27 People are begining to gather in their corn which has got ripe without much injury by frost, I think there is a full middling crop.

Dec. 17 Wednesday. Quite cold. They began to go with slays on the river, Ice pretty strong I think. I bought a pig of James Patten weyed 141 lb. at 6 cents. Boutht another of Nath Seavey weyed 153 at 5 cents, 7.65.

1835
Jan. 3 I made out an account for Powder made into Cartirdges to send to the Legislature by Dr. Dean Repr. 8.37. Also for Soldiers rations paid by Selectmen 64.00.

Mar. 4 A daughter of Nicholas Smith Died with a fever, was taken sick at the factory boarding house. Three other factory girls have died within a few days with fever.

" 16 Town meeting, H. Lowell, moderator, Ed Coddin, Town Clerk, S. Merrill, T. Treasurer, Saml. Emery, Ichabod Jordan & H. Lowell, Selectmen assessors & overseers of Poor. Issaac Goodridge Constable and Collector at two & half per cent for collecting.

May 7 Died with typhus fever, went out from Factory short time since, a daughter of Widow Hill. Isaac Bickford's daughter is now sick with I believe the same Factory fever, she was taken while at work there.

July 4 Benja Hooper who has been in a State of derangement for a considerable time was taken at our house and a chain put on his leg and carried home to his brother Noah and confined by the chain to the floor, He was verry raving while they were riveting the foot lock next day. Noah says that Benja is quite still since his confinement.

Sep. 20 Sunday. Tuesday evening about 7 o 'clock there was a house burnt a little above Spring Bridge occupied by an Irish family. About 2 weeks ago there was an assault made on that house, an attempt to pull it down but did not succeed fully. There were a number of persons apprehended and it is said this Irish family, one man and wife, are at Alfred on that affair. His name is Riley, it is thought the fire was set to the house.

Dec 9 Wednesday. Today Mr. Joseph Dearborn received news that his son Henry was lost overboard from the ship Belverdeer out about five days from Portland by a letter from the Capt.Knight dated 30th Nov. Said that he fell from the yard & that they brought the Ship too as soon as possible but before they could afford any relief he had sunk to rise no more. He was a little over 19 years of age and the first voyage. I with Mrs. Merrill went up in the evening, found his parents in very great trouble indeed, tried to pray with them. I came home at 8 o'clock and by request wrote a letter to their son Stephen W. at Orono Stillwater Penobscot - in which I endeavored to press on his mind the importance of his being also ready.

1836

Jan 19 A petition is sent on to our Legislature for Saco & Biddeford Village to be Incorporated into a body for extinction of fire, with Leave to tax themselves etc.

Mar 27 Sunday rode in slay to meeting at Saco, crossed on the Ice, went over the Sluice as we say at the head of Springs Island.

Apr 10 The ice I believe cleared below the falls today, quite a number of persons securing Logs today which lay in the ice all winter and off in the middle and were much exposed. The ice quite thick in spots.

Apr 22 I attended a meeting of the Saco & Bidd. fire corporation at the Baptist vestry. Officers chosen Cotton Bradbury, clerk, Samuel Pierson esq, treasurer & Joseph Stevens, collector. Assessors Nath Goodwin, Samuel Moody. Fire wardens in Biddeford Capt. S. White, Moses Bradbury,Jr. Saco John Caleff, S. S. Fairfield.
Chose a committee to run out the boundaries of the Corporation, E. Coffin is one, S. Batchelder, Moses G. Goodwin & William Smith a committee to draught By Laws. Adjourned to June 5th.

Aug. 25 I exchanged my Chaise that I had used seven years with a Mr. Davis of Haverill. Gave my note to him for 95 dollars payable in 3 months without interest, at my house.

" 29 This day I am sixty years old and it seems hard to perceive that I am an old man but such is the fact and it likewise when reviewing my past life I have done comparatively nothing for the cause of Christ and the Salvation of my immortal Soul. O when shall I begin to act for my redeemer. Shall I not begin this day - help Lord or I shall accomplish nothing.

Sep 2 " A Mr. John Bryant from Canterbury N. Hamp. has set us up a Machine as he calls it to weigh Hay & other things, divided into ten shares at ten dollars each, and a company of ten have purchased it and paid for it - warranted.

Oct. 1 Mary Elizabeth came home from South Berwick. She has now attended the female seminary there four quarters. A Mr. Cochran was their Instructor.

Nov. 3 Thursday. Storm of rain and snow, ground covered nearly with snow in the morning. A steam boat lost by fire from Eastport bound to Portland, a part of the crew escaped in the boat but 26 persons were drowned by leaping overboard. They had on board a caravan of animals, those that were saved say 6 horses and an Elephant leaped into the Sea but what afterwards became of them is not known. (fuller account in the Portland Sunday Telegram of July 29, 1934)

1837
Jan 25 Wednesday. evening a verry singular appearance in the atmosphere about 7 oclock. There was a red stream from N west, something like the rainbough and in the course of an hour it became wider spread and extended across the horizon, of a blood red or nearly so, and off from this there was something of North light but at 1 oclock the redness mostly disappeared, but it is said that appeared again at 11 & 12 oclock. It gave as much light as a full moon or nearly. The moon arose about 9 oclock.

Jan 30 Monday. Catalogue of Books given 2nd Church by Tract Society.

Memoir of Martyn (Martyrs?)	Pilgrims Progress
" " Payson	Religion & Eternal Life
" " Pierce	Early Piety
Baxter Saints Rest	Dying Thoughts
" Infidelity	
Life of Brainard	

Jan 30 Monday. Town Meeting to see if the town will vote to make preparations to rebuild or repair the Bridges leading on to the Gooch Island but voted to do nothing about it, and voted the same with respect to giving any directions to our Representative respecting the Surplus Revenue.

Mar 13 Annual Town Meeting. The principal town officers the same as last year, the Poor to be under the care of the overseers. Their expense the year past nearly one thousand dollars. Money voted for schools $1000 - for town expenses $1200.

" 21 Rather cold, thawed but little. The snow which is yet 2½ feet will bear a man. I saw a man today sawing a pathway through the ice above Sawyers Mill and the ice was about 3 feet thick.

" 26 Sunday. The Robin redbreast was heard today for first time this Spring.

" 27 Joseph H. Hill of Chatham went from here this morning in Slay, homeward bound. Pleasant today - people have stoped going on the ice on the Rivers for the present.

Apr. 4 An adjourned Town Meeting and voted to raise 2500 dollars for Repair of Highway. Voted to receive the Town's proportion of the surplus money of U S A from our State Treasurer and that the town treasurer be the agent to apply to the State treasurer for the money, one half now and the other in three & six months. The Selectmen are a board to act with the Treasurer on above. Voted the Surplus money be divided and paid out to families according to their number, but I believe not answering meaning of the Law provided which says it is to be appropriated to any use that towns money which is raised by tax may legally be appropriated. Our meeting I believe was as full as any one has been for years and much debate about the Surplus.

Apr. 5 I drew on Asa Redington Jun, treasurer of State of Maine for two quarters payment of the Surplus Funds from treasury of the United States, 26 in number (?) $1372.13 and sent on two receipts each of this amount making both of $2744.26 and I request a draught of the York Bank Saco.

" 6 Thursday. I took a walk up to N. Bradbury mostly on the Crust for I think the Ground is not more than one-fourth bare, Snow now in many places from 2 to 2½ feet deep. I do think that there is more than one foot of old solid snow if it was made level. A remarkable scarce time for bread stuff. There has been none to be bought either corn grain or flour for the week past and some families are entirely without bread, Corn last sold was 8 to 9 shillings per bushel and flour 12 to 13 dolls.

Apr 7 Fryday. Pleasant morning but froze hard last night. A number of our neighborhood have subscribed and paid to Capt. M. Bradbury 110 dollars for him to send to Boston to purchase some corn because there is none to be had here. I put in ten dollars.

Apr 8 I received a draught on the York Bank from Asa Redington Jun.Esq, State Treasurer, for two thousand seven hundred and forty four dollars & 26 cents, being surplus Revenue money and I have this day deposited the Same in the York Bank being onehalf of our proportion or thereabouts, the rest to be received in three to six months.

A school Class meeting 4 oclock today agents Wm Smith, Elisha Perkins & Edgecomb Haley. Voted to have schools begin first day of May and continue until the money is expended.

Apr 9 The Ice broke up above the Falls and stoped against the bridge with considerable of logs in raft but mostly broken. The Ice is not so thick as to do any damage.

" 10 Monday fiar. Some corn hauled up from the ferry because the freshet is so strong, the wind not fair but corn so much wanted that they hauled it up for Dea Hayes and he is selling yellow flat corn at 1.25, it ways about 49 lb to the bushel.

" 16 Sunday at meeting at Saco. A smart rain in the afternoon & evening. River raised one foot last night so that it now is a foot deep on our fulling mill floor. There is yet Monday 17th many snow drifts & one - one in our field above the house of about a foot deep and considerable in the woods. We put some Logs on the bridge this morning to secure against the freshet.

" 20 Thursday. Yearly State Fast. At meeting at Saco. Mr. Hopkins preached in the forenoon & Mr. Merrill of Lower parish in Biddeford afternoon. Text Proverbs he that covereth his sin shall not prosper but he that confesseth and foresaketh his sin shall find mercy.

" 23 Sunday, afternoon. There was eighteen persons, 4 of them male & 14 females were baptized today by Elder Eaton Free Will Baptists, in the River near the point of Spring Island below our fulling mill.

" 24 Capt. Bradbury hurt himself inwardly by holding on to a warp on raft of logs which he and others were endeavoring to warp the raft a shore below the bridge. Some small bloodvessel gave away and he raised considerable of blood. The doctor came and drew some blood and he got some relief.

April 24 By agreement Wm P. Hooper gave his name to be used in a writ against myself & the Select men of said town as a board of trustees of the surplus fund of money received from U States & we agreed to carry it up to Supreme Court there being a full quorum on the bench this term, therefore we submit with as little cost as may be.

May 6 Saturday. We planted 3 bushel potatoes. Some rainey. A Mr. Wedgwood came from Parsonfield to teach our school. Came to board with us at noon today at 2.00 per week washing &c included.

May 8 Saturday. Monday, so cold last night it froze water in a tub at the door a quarter of an inch thick.

Town meeting today on account of the surplus Revenue and voted first to reconsider the vote which was past the last meeting which was to distribute - and then voted that the money be loaned to all inhabitants old and young equal sums, and that their receipts be the security against each person or the head of a family and that the Treasurer be directed to pay over the same according the late census & that the expense of taking census and getting the money for State treasurer be paid out of same. Then voted that the town indemnify the treasurer for complying with the above.

May 15 Monday. A meeting of the Inhabitants of Saco and Biddeford at Central Hall in Saco, there were more than one hundred attended and passed a Resolve that the two Banks in Saco suspend the payment of Specie in exchange for their Bills on account of the Banks at New York, Boston, Portsmouth and Portland for the present. And it is said the United States Bank have done the same and it seems there is confusion in business. Many heavy failures have taken place at the West.

June 8 Thursday. A town meeting on Monday last and poled the House on the question recalling the vote past the last meeting directing the town treasurer to Loan the surplus Revenue. Voted 79 in favor of loaning to all the Inhabitants said surplus & 64 against it, so it passed. Then a committee was chosen to take the money from the treasurer as agent and voted that they loan it to all the Inhabitants, taking their receipts for security.

July 8 A Town meeting today Respecting Surplus money and passed a vote the same tennor of the other votes that have been in former meetings & voted as follows to Reconsider the vote in April last when myself was chosen agent to receive

July 8 to receive Surplus money, then voted that Nathan Chadwick be Agent to receive the remainder but three-quarters has already been receive by me - 3rd was 1811.74, so that there is now deposited in the York Bank $4556.00 to receive four per cent interest while it remains in said bank.

" 9 A widow woman died at Nehemi Bradbury on Monday 10th July named De Wolfe, had a daughter in the factory and came from West to see her. She went to Mr Bradbury to work as she could not get work at the factory at this time. Was taken sick with a fever and died. No relative near except the daughter 17.

" 29 A smart Shower last night, no thunder. A great deal of hay out and but little put in today. A factoey girl was buried yesterday, a fever.

Aug 23 I signed a bond with I. P. Millen and James B. Thornton for Rev. Stephen Merrill for to Introduce his wife into the Insane Hospital.

Sep 6 The widow of Jeremiah Hill esq was buried this day aged 85 years.

" 18 Monday. An adjourned Town meeting and 2nd balloting chose Ichabod Jordan to Represent the town in the Legislature for the insuing year. Also voted the town treasurer be directed to Loan out the Surplus Revenue money to all the inhabitants or heads of family according to the census of the 1st of March last, to commence in two weeks by the assistance of the Select men.

" 28 An exceeding great drought as has been for many years, there has been no Rain of note for about six weeks.

" 30 Saturday. I took out by check from the York Bank five hundred dollars of the Surplus Revenue money in order to loan to the Inhabitants according to the number in each family and take their promissorry receipt for it to pay back if called for by the Government.

Oct 2 Monday. We began to loan the Surplus revenue to the Inhabitants and very hard work to make Change.

" 3 Tuesday. General Muster at Buxton.

" 7 Saturday. I have spent all the week past paying out or loaning the revenue Surplus and have not finished yet, reserving each man's tax out and loaning the rest.

1837

Nov 11 Saturday. quite a good rain this night, more rain fell than has at once for I think nearly four months, raised the River one foot.

There are deaths often, a fever prevails, quite a number of girls at work in factory have died.

" 14 Came 4 or 5 inches of Snow today and a cold freezing day, snow much drifted.

1838

Jan 4 Thursday. It has been verry mild weather for ten days at least; the River is not trustworthy to stay on; a team dropped through the Ice yesterday and today (4th) it is a wet verry fine rain misty. A few days more and probabity if warm the Ice will break up. Quite muddy now.

" 8 We had an annual meeting of the Saco and Biddeford Fire Society of which I have been a member for twenty years past but there being another society now in existence and a Corporate body Incorporated by an act of the legislature for the extinguishment of fire, the fire society to which I belong voted to be dissolved. We therefore were dissolved and what funds we had on hand is used up, all our Ladders and fire hooks given up to the Corporation.

Feb 16 Fryday. Good Sleding now, there is now about one foot of snow, it is but a few days since the Stage has passed on Runners this winter on account of no snow.

" 20 Colo. Lowell undertook to haul the Freeman House which he had bought of Joshua H. Bradbury, he started it last week, took it to the River and then up on the Ice, then on the Swan Pond Creek but it cut through the Ice one side so that they had to postpone a few days. Took it up with Screws Saturday last, tried again and cut through again and there it is yet.

Mar 3 Note of news of Graves-Cilley duel.

Apr 1 Sabbath day. 10 or 11 persons baptized in the River at the point of Springs Island, one male, others female. Free Will Baptists, Elder Eaton.

May 23 The Mail Stage upset last night a little beyond the Mile Brook bridge. It appeared that they went one side down into the ditch 3 feet at least lower than the road but the wheels had got almost into the road again when it went over. It is said that the driver, a Mr. Maxwell, was badly hurt. Three passengers within not hurt any.

Aug.17 Old Benja Bolton had an Ill turn, perhaps a lite shock of Palsy and has called for help from the Town and I asked Franklin Bryant to let him have 2 dollars to begin with and one dollar per Week for the present until further

Aug 17 arrangement is made.

Sep 26 Wednesday. General Muster at Saco today, Cloudy all day but no rain, so a comfortable day for the business and no accident.

Oct 8 Monday morning a pretty hard frost this Morning and the first this fall to kill vegitation. On again tuesday morn. Moses Bradbury and wife from New Limerick set out for home today, they came in Chaise a distance of 250 miles, a six days journey in and out, six each.

Oct. 15 There is a fever prevailing among the factory peoples, a considerable many have died of late.

Oct. 31 There came 4 or 5 inches of Snow today. Fever still prevails among the factory peoples.

Nov. 29 Thursday A Thanksgiving Day in this State, In Mass, N. York and many other States the same day. Yesterday rather pleasant but today is a winter's day, fair & bright but cold. I settled with Joseph S. Hill for six mo labour & 4 days at 22 per month, 4.50 in addition for to pay the hire of his washing, amounted to 138.50. Gave my note for one hundred of the above:

Beef good ox. Seven dollars. Beef high.
I bought half of a hog from Dea. Goodwin at
11 dollars per hundred. 193 lb. paid 21.23.

Dec. 26 Died at Saco Sarah Sawyer daughter Capt. William & Margery Sawyer, fever. Her father went a voyage to sea, and was not heard from nor the vessel or crew 25 years ago or more. Her mother died last summer.

1839 1839

Jan 15 I attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Savings Institution, the Trustees are as follows: Josiah Calef, Pres., S. M. (Samuel Merrill), V.P., Jona King, Sam Holley, Amos G. Goodwin, Wm. P. Haines, John P. Mellen, Amos Chase, Samuel Pierson is Secretary & one more not present, making ten in all. Deposits are now over 23,000 dollars.

Feb 20 I went with Mrs. Merrill to Hollis, pretty good Slaying in the morning but not so good when we returned at night. Quite a commotion about the North East boundary, Mr. McIntire our Land agent taken Prisoner and lodged in Fredericktown prison.

Mar 1 Fair and March wind & quite thawy. There has been but a very few nights for 2 weeks past any thing freezing but dribbling snow and rain. On Wednesday last there was a draught of militia men, Capt. Jacob K. Cole and his brother William, Ensign, were detatched also 14 soldiers & a drummer were draughted in this Company and 16 men

Mar 1 2 musicians in the Lower Company, Capt. Edm Perkins. Comp to be held in readiness to march when called for to Mattawasco No 10.

" 5 General Scott from Washington pased through this village today bound Eastward.

Separate note.

List of years from 1805 to 1846 and dates of ice breaking up above the Falls. Earliest date February 19th, 1828, latest date April 17th, 1843. Average date between March 20th and April 10th.

May 12th Sunday. Southerly wind and quite Cool & Raw. The fire rages in the wood lands out at the west Brook destroyed a hundred cord of wood cut & piled belonged to John K. Gilpatrick and Wm. N. Hill and a Subscription paper is pasing for their benefit.

May 14th Tuesday. We had a verry charming (?) rain and powerful too. We planted Some corn on Saturday last & 5 bushels potatoes.

May 16th Thursday. We were preparing to plant in the Dearborn field but it rained.

May 20th Monday. We finished planting, have put in fifteen bushels of potatoes & about half acre of corn. We raised 150 potatoes & 20 B Corn.

May 21st A Small frost last night.

May 22nd Wednesday. Verry little rain last night. I Bought & hauled up from the wharf eighty Cedar posts for fence, bot them of Caleff and Chase at one shilling a piece amountg to $12.33.

May 29th Wednesday. Joseph Leland Esq. of Saco died this morning rather Sudden aged I believe 80 yrs. Buried on saturday June the first.

June 14th I paid to Wm. Smith twelve dollars for four cord of manure in full for the Same.

June 15th I paid Wm. N. Hill 5.00 to compensate him for collecting the Parish Subscription for the year past & to pay over to Rev. H. A. Merrill also paid him 5.00 more on account of his lofs by fire burning one hundred cord of wood.

June 28th Friday. We hoed Say myself & Samuel about two thousand

une 28th Hills of potatoes in the forenoon. Came smart rain in the afternoon, we harowed among them.

uly 1st Buried this day at Saco Capt. James Jordan of Saco son of Capt. Ichabod Jordan. Died sudden at New York aged 36, was married about 4 week since at Portland and then took a Journey Intended to go to Washington but did not reach there.

uly 3rd Died this morning Capt. Carver Buker of this town with lingering Consumption, had been Intemperate.

uly 6th Mr. Ebenezer Hill of this town died yesterday 5 o'clock his sicknefs seemed to be a Relax for six months past aged 74 years --- had been Intemperate.

A young woman who came out from the Factory Some days since went to Mr. Isaac Talbuts and died last night.

uly 21st Capt. Thomas Cutts was buried on Friday last rather a consumption and obstruction of water.

uly 26th I paid to Samuel Witherin five dollars for four days mowing boarded himself @ 7/6 Pr. day.

ug. 2nd I helped to take up the grist mill put in a new box &c. I paid to Saml. Jordan one dollar for work on the mill. Poor hay day but verry good day yesterday. I paid S. Witherin 1.56 more for mowing in full for 5½ days.

ug. 7th I paid one hundred dollars in to Samuel Batchelder Esq. toward one Share out of a thousand in the Saco Water Power Company. One hundrd is to be paid in one year until 500 Dollars is paid in.

g. 15th Thursday. We mowed our Oats, people have not done haying yet the Season of getting hay has been verry difficult on account of wet. I think we never knew so many Rains by Showers & otherwise as has been for nearly three month past.

g. 17th Saturday Some Rainny to day.
The two Mr. Merrills Say Rev. Stephen and Henry have both of their horses got into the Highway tuesday last & have not been found Since.

Saturday, 17th found those Horses at Lyman/Taylors at he having put a Advertisment at Dollif Store.

g. 19th Monday. We finished our fence between us and Jos. Dearborn 41 Rods cost about thirty dollars for the posts, boards & nails.

1839

Oct. 10th Capt. Seth Spring deceased today.
Aged 82, I believe.

Oct. 10th Account of the death of Rev. John Turner at Dorchester Mafsachusetts aged 70 years was minister of the 2d Parish in Biddeford for twelve years. Left Biddeford 20 or more years since.

Oct. 15th Afternoon, a Mr. Walker of Wells 2d Church, agent for distributing Books preached and in the evening at vestry I agreed to take 3d school district to visit & make sale of Books to them.

Oct. 16th I, with S.S.Fairfield Esq. & Jacob K. Cole set upon a cause between Hans Nelson Arnold Hood & Melia Hood on one hand & the York Manufacturg Company concerning the old house that was built by Elijah Hood which he was done in 1795.
Said Hood's heirs claimed the land by possession but it appeared in evidence that rent had been paid within 20 years back from now. We awarded to the heirs 60 dollars for the House and 75 dolls for the pretended claim making 135 dollars taxed to York Co. and six dollars for Referees. &c

People have about done their Harvestg and crops came in very well. corn full midling crop, potatoes scant and according to the saying is & on account of the rust, pumpkins abundant.

Oct. 20th Mr. Daniel Bryant at the uper end of Saco Died Sunday 20 -Oct. suddenly, was a Pensioner had been very decriped some years (his wife is still living & aunt to me)
Died in Biddeford Mr. Robert Davis aged about Eighty (also a Pensioner) -

Oct. 23rd I bought 8 acres of Wood land of Leml Fofs @ 26 dollars per acre, 208 dollars.
It is said that the United States Bank has failed to redeem its Bills &c

gst. 20th Mr. Hubbert Robberts of Parsonfield West Post Office called on me Said he would sell his pew in 2d Parish M. House if he ownd one that I might make enquiry of the Thatchers of Saml. P. S. and write to him he would Sell for what others did perhaps make out a deed & send up to him to Sign & Send back by maile.

gst. 26th Monday morning Clear and fine weather.

A remarkable Season from the middle of may last to the middle of August. There has been rain I believe as often as twice in the week vines and the Stalk of all vegitable creation has a verry great groth hay was well grown but verry difficult getting hay made. The week past has been the best that has been and people are many of them about finishing.

gst. 29th Some cooler to day than it has lately been. Corn is about full in the milk the Rust has killed the potatoe tops.

SEPT.

pt. 11th Wednesday. I Set out with Mrs. Merrill for Turner went to N. Gloucester first day next day to Minott 3d to Turner to Brother Thos. Merrills Saturday to Thomas Junr. monday came back to Minott stoped there 3 night untill the 19th then came to Gorham stoped one night 20th came to Buxton & then arived home at night.
Mr. Benja. Wakefield and Noah Staples Died while we were absent.
Rev. Henry A. Merrill with his wife went a Journey Eastward started 11th & have not yet returned now 22d Sept. Rev. Stephen Supplies us this is the last Sabbath and He and Mr. Caruthers began a protracted meeting the 15th & continued through the last week everry evening pretty well attended they say and it is proposed to continue through the present week.

pt. 27th General Muster at Buxton fair day.

t. Oct 3rd The first hard Frost about this time.

We finished diging potatoes had about 150 bushels from 15 bushels of Seed.

t. Oct 7th Monday. A meeting of the Stock holders of the York Bank chose five directors, viz. Jona. King, Saml. Bachelder, John Shepley, J. M. Deering & Willm. Smith -- a dividend of 3 Per cent paid at this time. I Recd. one per cent on the old Saco Bank Stock 7 dollars to myself.

v. Nov 2nd Saturday. Rev. Stephen Merrill and his wife are with us he is about or has began to move his family & his Childr. 4 of them Started onward 2 days ago moving to Lisbon he preached a lecture last evening preparatory to Communion.

NOV.

1839

ov. 3rd Sunday. Rev. Stephen Merrill Preached to day and administered the Sacrament.

Rev. Henry Merrill preached at the School House on the plains they have had a four days meeting there began Thursday last Free will Baptist & others united.

ov. 10th Sunday. Mrs. Doreas Perkins being Sick of the Palsy unable to walk and having a desire to unite with the Church she having obtaind a hope of a Saving Change wrought on her mind Several year ago but could not ask to be admitted to the Church because her husband would not give his consent he pretending to be a Universalist but he has lately consented and She was admitted to day at her house. The members of the Church were mostly present and the Ch. Commund with her although it was not their reqular Communion Season.

A boy or Son of Alexander Plaisted who was living with Edmund Coffin Jun. a little above Swan pond Creek went to the River to water a horse Say 50 Rods from Said Coffin House he being from home yesterday 9th but did not return. The horse was found in the pasture that he passed through to the River but they thought the boy probably had gone to his fathers at KenebunkPort as he had ask the privelege to go. Did not look for him as a lost boy untill 11th and to day he was found in the River 13th, about 12 years old.

v. 18th R. Parker began to attend the Grist mill at the halves.

v. 24th Sunday. Contribution for wood & lights vestry 3.28.

v. 28th Thursday. Thanksgiving day in our State. Tolerable pleasant to day thaws a little.

Dcm.

m. 1st A boy drowned yesterday, fell off Cleaves wharf taken up to day Sabbath - 8 years old a son of the wife of Ethniah Clark, he married a widow & it was her son.

m. 6th Went up to divid a wood lot Isaac Bickford & Joseph Proctor undertook to divide the Lot which I lately Bought of Lemuel Fofs in common with Thos. M. Peirson I am to have the North East End.

m. 7th Saturday. Verry pleasant weather Indeed.

Machine Shop belonging to the York Factory Co. was destroyed by fire on tuesday. Began about Six o'clock in the Evening Stormy Wind N. East destroyed two wooden houses verry near the canal damage or Lofs perhaps 20,000.

m. 9th Monday. A town meeting 2 o'clock P.M. voted to build a Bridge with Stone from factory Island or Join Saco in building below the riffs. Capt. Chadwick proposes to

cm. 9th under take & build it Compleat for 12, 000 dollars then Chose a Committee of five to confer with Saco Committee about buildg & report at the adjournment at 28th Inst. Committee are as follows Eben C. Hill, Eli. Smith, Nath. Emery, Elisha. Perkins & Doctr. Ezra Dean.

Quite a warm rain to day taken out the frost so that it is good plowing.

cm. 12th Thursday Evening Decmber 12th 1839 our Daughter Mary Elizabeth was married to Benjamin Mosher.

cm. 14th Quite calm & pleasant to day frose some last night but some people are plowing to day the river risen some & open as Summer.

A great many vessels are seen along the coast.

cm. 16 17 18th Monday. It Snowed some in morning so people begin for the first time to use their slays. 17 & 18th Slaying good perhaps 6 inches Snow & much drifted a foot of Snow 15 miles back.

The river Shut up by Ice 18th Decm.

cm. 20th Fair cold slaying pretty tolerable. We have an account in the papers of Great lofs of Shiping and of lofs of lives at Cape Ann in the late Storm. It is stated over thirty vessels total lofs and about 50 person, Sailors lost one female came a shore lashed to the windlefs bits. So it is verry evident that the distrefs in the above Storm is the greatest that ever has hapened so near us, within the knowledge of the present age of man.

Lofs verry considerable in Boston harbour and of Chimney and buildings.

cm. 22nd Sunday. Fair pretty good Slaying. Meeting at the Vestry prety full meeting for our little Society a pryer meeting the evening.

cm. 23rd Monday. Cold and Cloudy. Thomas Cole set out for texes to settle some businefs left there.

cm. 25th I went with Moses M. Hill & B. Mosher up to the ten acre lot mortgaged to us by D. G. Roberts & Israel Wakefield to forclose.

cm. 26th Fair weather Slaying most gone here abouts.

A Coppy of a Certificate.

Decm. 26th A Coppy of a Certificate 26th Decm. 1839

We here by Certify that on the 25 day of December A.D. 1839 Samuel Merrill of Biddeford and Jere C. Stimson of Saco in our presents entered in to and upon and Took possession of a tract of Land in Biddeford containing ten acres and the Same lot of Land described in a deed of Mortgage made by Daniel G. Roberts & Israel Wakefield to said Merrill & Stimson dated april 13th 1833 & recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of York april 30th 1833 Book 145 page 78th. The same entry being by them made and possession taken to fore close all right to redeem the Same land thus mortgaged by them. Because the condition of the Mortgage aforsaid had been long before Broken.

In testimony where of we have here unto set our hand.
witnefses Signed Moses B. Hill
Benja. Mosher

Decm. 28th A Severe Storm of Rain & Snow with verry high wind Indeed.

I sold an old Slay to Thos. Gordon @ four dollars or a cord of Oak wood to be worth four dollars to pay as soon as he can haul it.

Town meeting to day voted to recind the vote passed the 9th Instant to build a Stone Bridge & voted to build with wood and Chose a Committee of four viz. Dr. E. Dean, Wm. Smith, Elisha Perkins and Samuel Chase to Superintend the building the Bridge in Conjunction with Saco Committee. Voted the same committee connected with the Town Treasurer to Loan such sum or sums of Money as may be wanted.

Decm. 30th Monday. A Brig belonging Eastward came a Shore on beach in Saco near the mouth of the River. Belonged to Machias Port out from New York laden 1600 Bushel wheat 50 Hogshed Rum & some flower. She lost her masts off Sequin then drove before the Storm on friday night last. They are now unloading & hauling up to Stevens wharf on Store. Vessel is high up on the beach but sets upright on bottom.

Jany 1st Verry Cold & freesing this morning fair day a number of Ship wrecks the last Storm - one on plum Island Newbury Port came in from foreign voyage vessel & all lost 13 in number.

Jany 3rd We picked our Grist mill & c.

The last Snow wears verry well Inded.

Jany 12th Sunday. We are now destitue of a minister we therefore had a reading meeting sermon.

Feby. 18th At noon Ruben Haynes began to board here to pay 9/ per week if he stays over Sabbath but if not to pay in proportion to 9/ no washing up to saturday 25 of april 1840 9 week & four days Excepting the outs & one week vacation too boarded 8 weeks & paid twelve dollars &c.

Jany 19th Sunday. Rev. H. A. Merrill preached with us today.

Jany 23rd Thursday. We have news to day that Amos. G. Goodwin Esq. died at Augusta Sick but 24 hours he lived at Saco Attorney at Law.

Jany 31st We see in the Boston paper the death of Hannah Perkins at N. York widow of Stephen Perkins formerly of Biddeford.

Feby. 2nd Sunday. We had a reading meeting at Vestry.

Feby. 5th The coldest morning by Six degres that has been this winter So it is said.

A Mr. Phinny of Gorham & wife here.

Benjamin & Elizabeth arived at home on monday last having been absent 30 days to the East they went as far as Clinton then up on return to Sandy River Farmington direction.

Feby. 6th Mrs. Bradbury wife of Eben. Bradbury from New Limerick down to the British line is here on a visit set out for Limerick saturday.

Feby. 9th Sunday. Benja. Mosher was taken down suddenly with Typhus fever Doctr. Bacon was called and came this afternoon took some blood in the evening.

Feby. 15th Saturday. Benjamin is now getting better Dr. Bacon has visited him twice a day Six days past.

Feby. 16th Sunday. Mr. Merrill preached with us to day and this is the third Sabbath he has preached with us since his time of contract was out.

Feby. 18th We picked the Grist mill & something of a rain at night.

Feby. 21st Benjamin is now labouring with Lung fever and distressed with pleurisy pain in his Side Severe the Doctor attends now twice a day again.

Verry pleasant to day teams & Slays have stoped going in the river.

Feby. 28th Fryday. Rather raw cloudy part of the day. Colo. Isaac Emery from Boston is here and he with Isaac Goodrich have at last setled up Goodrichs Tax bill for 1835.

Colo. Emery says that he had called on Edm. Coffin to pay the 175 dollar note while he held the note as Town Treasurer of Biddeford.

March 4th Wednesday. Verry pleasant Indeed for the first of March. Came up Cloudy in the evening and rained, with lightning but we did not hear any thunder.

The Committee chosen months ago met at Wm. Hills, did but little to purpose but agreed to meet again next wednesday eve at the Same place to See about repairing the meeting house in the 2d Parish & c.

March 8th Sunday. About as freesing last night as has been this winter a Snow Squall yesterday afternoon then came on cold but it moderate some this afternoon. We held a little meeting at the vestry had two Sermons read.

March 12th I got Chase Tarbox to go to Limerick Rode my horse to carry word to James Bradbury & his sister Gillpatricks little daughter who has been at Limerick the year past her mother who is sick nigh unto death has requested them to come to see her.

I called to see Mrs. Gillpatrick this evening She is verry low asked me to see to it that her corpse might be carried to Limerick to be Intered (but she recovered in some measure afterward.)

Benja. Mosher is quite sick yet, does not get along but verry slowly if any.

March 17th Tuesday. Came about 8 Inches wet snow level.
Wednesday. Good Sleding in the forenoon but mostly gone before night in the Road

Benjamin Mosher rode out in Slay this morning the first of going out for nearly Six weeks.

March 19th At night Ice was dissolved in the River above and below the falls about the Same time below the falls.

March 20th Came about 4 Inches of snow last night and it quite Splashy to day a few Slays move. Rev. H. A. Merrill is about to move his family to Limington I made a box four feet Square to stow some of his goods in.

Rch 23rd **Town meeting by adjournment at two o'clock. Samuel Haley who was chosen on the 9th as one of the selectmen declined serving and Jesse Page was chosen after balloting 5 or 6 times Richard Bettis was set as a candidate.**

Voted that out of Town Cattle do not go at Large in our town in Summer & ce.

March 24th Capt. William Maxwell died with Palsy was first taken on friday 20th lost his eye sight & soon after his throat was Seised so that he could not Swallow at all retained

March 24th his reason nearly as long as life remained aged about 66 years was rather Intemperate or otherwise would have been I think a good Citizen.

March 26th Rev. Henry A. Merrill moved his family from Biddeford to Limington except two daughters & they are to Start tomorrow morning. Saml. T went with them in Slay 27th.

Benja. Mosher rode to Gorham to day with his Brother Hugh now 56 days since he was taken down with a fever.

March 27th Friday. Sleding verry good this forenooon and Improved verry close by Team from Hollis, Lyman & c with wood logs & Bark it is said that flour is sold at Portland at 5.50 Baltimore Howard street.

April 4th I killed a calf to day let Wm. Smith have the skin to pay for the tanning the last year skin so we are even now.

April 9th Fast day yearly by the Governor & Council.

April 10th Friday. Quite a pleasant day and the first Spring like day that we have had lately. The Spring is backward no plowing nor fenceing yet.

Died in Biddeford Capt. Haven Emery had been sick 4 or 5 years aged

April 23rd Cleared this morning & so it now looks favorable. We had a great deal of talk about north Eastern Boundary & war is threatened.

April 25th Fair out wind rather cool.
I Recvd. 19.25 of I. King for wharf Income year past the Same wharf that yielded Sixty dollars pr. year Several years ago say 6 or 7.

May 5th Training & Ispection of Arms &c to day.

A storm began yesterday a cold Storm. to day Storm continued some snow mixed: a man killed with lightning at Freedom an other at Bridgton he was just entering his barn to put up his horse, came from meeting Sunday 26th Instant of April the lightning struck the Barn & by its fall the man was killed.

A Barn at Cape Porpois K.Port was burned with lightning a Mr. Huff.

A house at Saco village was struck and a bed where 2 children were was set on fire but the children were not hurt. Wonderful.

May 7th I paid six dollars for a Barrel of flour Bot of Rish W Jordan 6.00.

Fair & quite cool & windy we are preparing for planting.

May 14 & 15th We planted 25 hundred hills of Corn we planted 10 bushels 27 Hundred hills on wednesday last the 13th.

Now 15th a pretty lite rain this afternoon growing weather now.

May 16th Saturday. We finish planting Corn about 38 hundred Hill of Corn large Acre of ground quite a pleasant day this.

Benja. Mosher was verry sick again last night.

Sold at vendu this afternoon five house lots on the Island belonging to Onesiph Bradbury is sold under the direct(i)on of his Ward Wm. Smith to raise sums to pay for Grog to pay debs accrued before Mr. Smith was put overseer of Said Onesipho property & notes given to F. Bryant York & Ed. Cleaves (& grog shops &c &c bad.)

May 24th This day Mr. James Smith of Lyman Died aged man.

May 30th We finished Shingling Samuels Barn used 7 3/4 thousand of poor Shingles and pounds of nails in the whole on the barn @ 6¼ cents.

June 1st I worked on the Bridge it holds dry yet it is now full three weeks Since we have had rain Except 2 weeks ago we then had a verry Small rain.

June 12th Began to weed our corn it looks well I hoed, myself 1500 hills of corn & a warm day, quite, verry light, Hoeing, used the Harrow.

June 19th Fryday. Died about 5 o'clock this afternoon Dorcas the wife of Elisha Perkins with Palsy. She has lain for Six or eight weeks entirely Helplefs could not move herself nor Speack till within a few days past she could Speak a little

June 21st Sunday. Mrs. Perkin funeral to day at 4 o'clock.

Died this day - Mifs Martha Hill of Bidd Consumption she had lived at Capt. Bradbury a great number of years untill after his death. ------ Daughter of Thomas Hill.

I cut some Alder Bushes on 20th near the lower brook and some near the road 22 at Bars 24th & 25th I cut some bushes near Oak tree the moon is now about half wane dcrease quite dry grafs suffers with drought.

June 27th Cut bushes about Elm Tree middle of pasture the moon changes day after tomorrow the 29th.

ly 4th Saturday. Our people went to Kenebunk Celebration about 2000 took diner at 25 cents each.

ly 6th We began mowing to day at the Currier Lot it is quite dry again.

ly 8th Wednesday. I was Rakeing hay to Currier field got in one jag & have out in cock 2 ½ Tons.

ly 17th Fryday. We finished our haying got about Seven Tons some lefs than last year.

For three days past uncommonly warm and as good hay weather ever known about.

ly 24th Friday. A verry fine rain to day came moderate it Rained I think about 8 hours.

The drought has been verry Sharp. The Season for making hay has been remarkable good for about 3 weeks past & hay comes in tolerable good crop.

ly 25th Drowed in the River at the Eddy Charles C. P. Hall of Portland was in swiming. Son of Widow Sarh. Hall. She was daughter of Mark Leighton of Biddeford the boys father died at Sea some time within the year past the mother was here on a visit with her two children boy 11 years.

gust 1st Saturday verry fine Small Rain water stands in puddles in the Road Sunday morning.

The Rev. Mr. Kimball preached in our meeting house to day he is a blind man lost his Sight about fourteen years ago by weaknefs his Sight is not gone but so weak that he cannot endure the light keeps in a room made dark much of the time is a verry good preacher we believe was ordained at Harwick Massachusetts Since he lost his Sight a native of Ipswich Massachusetts.

gust 7th Friday. I went out with Mr. Kimball and we made about 6 or 7 calls. I.Adams - Wido Fofs, Capt. Emery, Dea Clark, Israel Pinkham & returned at Tea time.

gust 12th Wednesday. The Parish Committee met and viewed the lot belonging to Dr. Dean he will Sell half of it for 400 dollars for to build a meeting house on.

gust 13th There was two verry small showers not with standing the frequent little rains that we have had it is a verry Great drought Streams are verry low and pastures & the fields are comparetively dead grafs happens verry plenty in many places - grain verry light Indeed and no potatoes as yet of the common kind.

gust 20th Verry Great drought not withstanding the fine little rains

gust 20th that we have been blessed with it is so long time since we have a large rain that the small ones last but a verry few days.

I believe the wells are as low as for years the pastures on high ground are aparently as dead as in Dcember grafs happens thick.

We are pasing a Subscription paper around to see if we can raise money to keep Mr. Kimball three months.

gust 22nd Saturday. I went to Saccarappa and brought Mr. Caleb Kimball from his brother.

gust 23rd Sunday. Mr. Kimball preached to day to us. There was a good shower afternoon and again in the evening.

gust 25th I attended as a pall bearer at the funeral of the widow of Capt. James Donnell late of Biddeford & mother of Thomas C. Bradburys wife who is now at Texes living there.

gust 27th Departed this life Mr. Thomas Hill of this Town to be buried to day 29th. (And this day I am Sixty four years of age.- - -)

gust 30th Sabbath Mr. Kimball preached to day.

pt. 2nd Wednesday. Dedication of the meeting house in first parish in Biddeford the old house lowered down and remodeled anew. Their present Minister Mr. Sheppard preached: Rev. C. Marsh, Danl. Kendrick & Rev. C. Kimball were present and took a part in praying.

ept. 20th Sabbath morning. Samuel Jordan of Saco formerly of Hollis & son of Joseph Jordan Committed suicide by hanging himself with a piece of Rope in Sawyers mill in Saco.

ept. 23rd Wednesday. A meeting of the male members of the 2d Church in Biddeford to take into consideration the case of Edm. Coffin a member of this Ch. who has become a unitarian. Israel Pinkham & Wm. Hill chose a Committee to wait on him.

Another Committee chosen to wait on Mifs Elizabeth Emery who has embraced Universalism and case of Mrs. Sarah Bowden who has joined the Free will Baptist (Israel Clifford & S. Merrill a committee of the 2 above cases then adjourned to meet again in two weeks from same Evening.

ept. 24th General Regimental Review at Saco.

ept. 25th Saturday. We took out the Stones & other stuff from our Grist mill and have rented the mill & priveledge to Ben. R. Dolliff Remembrance Leighton & Deering to improve it

pt. 25th as a Clapboard mill &c. at Sixty dollars Pr. year in quarterly payments except the first year that to be paid at the end of the year and we are to hold the machinery for Security of the rent the Lease is dated 15th Sept. The water is so low that we have ground none of any consequence for two weeks past.

t. 8th We hauled 4 load of Manure from W. Smith.

t. 9th 4 Load more to day at 22 runing feet a load.

t. 11th Sunday. Mr. Cressey of Kenebunk preached here by exchange with Mr. Kimball.

t. 23rd Tristram Goldthwait came from Augusta and brought a draught on York Bank for Primary School 201.48 & Militia 71.75.

Benja. Mosher came from Gorham having been there nearly 2 months his Health some improved by Tomsonian medicine.

t. 24th Saturday. I had 5 men & 4 oxen building Stone wall by the Road near Thacher House.

t. 25th Sabbath. Cloudy & cool. Monday morning there is about 2 Inches of Snow on the ground & now 12 o'clock about 3 Inches one slay moving.

t. 29th Thursday. Smart Rain to day the greatest that has been Since early last Spring I believe it is said that there was 8 Inches of snow at Limerick on monday last 26.

v. 1st Rev. Levi Loring from Athens preached with us this forenoon.

v. 9th Monday. Was a verry Rainy day the most Rain that has been at one time for Six months so that Streams & wells are well filled.

v. 10th Elisha Perkins was married to Mifs Mary Dunn of Saco & they went onward to New York in the Stage the Same day so it is said.

v. 15th Sunday. Something Rainny to day pretty high wind. Is said that there Seventy vessels went out from our harbour Saturday 14 which was a pleasant day for it had been cloudy & Rainy about since monday the 9th therefore many vessels had gathered in the Harb(or). The Large ship built by Perkins this season went out Saturday commanded by Capt. Nowell of K.Port.

v. 20th We put up a bell connected to the Door,bell and apparatus cost 2.28.

v. 26th Thanksgiving day by Governor John Fairfield.

(To be inserted opposite page 161 - Merrill diary)

October 2nd I paid a post(age) bill today in full to 31st of Dec. 1840 - 87½ (cents)

Nov. 26th The Slaying is verry good & has been for two days past came 3 Inches of Snow last night fair this afternoon.

Nov. 27th Came 2 Inches of Snow last night so there is now I think 9 or 10 Inches snow slaying verry good still.

Decm. 2nd The River catched over with Ice.

Decm. 5th I was cutting wood up near Thos. I. Chicks cloudy & verry cold and freesing.

Decm. 7th Monday. Came 2 or 3 Inches of snow last night with heavy wind cleared of at 10 A.M. the Sea roars loudly to day.

Decm. 10th Thursday. I was cutting wood & hauling out to the road. The Stage runs on wheels now because the snow is nearly gone on main Road. Fryday & Saturday fair & cold rather.

Decm. 16th Geo. H. Adams joined in making a Deed of Grist mill deeded to Benj. R. Dolliff & Remembrance Leighton Sold for one thousand dollars took ten joint notes payable in five years two hundred a year notes one hundred Dolls. each payable to myself & Geo. H. Adams thus took a Mortgage back of the mill.

Decm. 18th Clear this morning frose pretty hard last night. Cut Bushes on the 15th I cut some alder Bushes for experiment between an elm stump & the fence & left a bunch standing in the middle (the moons last quarter today -.)

Decm. 21st I was on a Referance with Capt. Dixey Stone & Samuel F. Chase in case of Assachar Drown Plt. & Remembrance Leighton Defendant we agreed in saying Drown to take the cow which he had before taken by attachment which Leighton Bought of him a year ago at 30 dollars & that Leighton pay 18 dollars to Drown calling the cow to be worth but 12 dollars now; the whole cost is 21.58 which they are to pay one half each. Jany 11th I received of S. Chase 1.50 for my attendance on the case & I understand Mr. Chase that he altered the above by mistake made it five dollars lefs for Leighton to pay say 13 which I thought at the time was about right.

Held a parish meeting by adjournment at the vestry voted to raise one thousand dollars for repairing the meeting House of the 2d Religious Society and Israel Clifford & Benjamin his son have agreed to alter & repair one half in side & out and Nathan Tarbox & Jotham Patterson have agreed to do the other half 500 dollars each to have it done at the last of May next to have half the money in 30 days & the Remainder when finished.

Decm. 25th The sleding & slaying verry good now, cold winter weather fair to day & still.

The Census of Maine 1840 is 253017 Males &
247426 Females
500443 Total

Decm. 29th I wrote to James Deshon of Boston & said to him if owned a pew in 2d Society meeting House in B. & wish to sell it that if he would say so & send the number of his pew & whom he bot of we would make & send a Deed & ten dollars with it.

Died at Limerick Mrs. Mary the wife of Capt. Benja. Gillpatrick of this Town she was carried to Limerick to her fathers 3 months ago her Husband being absent at Sea. A long distrefsing sicknefs of 2 or 3 years.

Jany 6th The Honorable Judge Mellen died at Portland aged 76 years after being Chief Justice of S.P.J. Court for 14 years which brought to 70 years of age he then returnd to the bar again and continued untill a few weeks past his mind Sound & vigorous.

Jany 21st Benja. Mosher went to Portland, Stage returned on Saturday, Slayg. good.

Samuel T. Merrill went to Portland to day & Bought 10 bushel corn white @ 59 cts.

Jany 27th Rail Road Wednesday. I Received 6.32 for money that I paid which was 5.00 for ten Shares Subscrib(ed) for years ago this sum was advanced toward Surveying the rout from Portland to Portsmouth the 1.32 is Interest &c.

Feby 8th Monday. Sharp morning but pleasant day it has been verry moderate weather the month past verry good Sleding now and I have counted over 20 ox teams moving & stoping in sight of our door at the same time abundance of Loging & wood.

Feby 13th Saturday. I paid 25 dollars an assesment on one Share in water Power Co. to R. Nichols.

Feby 20th The Joiners Lowered the meeting house eight feet by cuting of about 20 inches at a time rested on eight pair of Screws so got it safely Lowered in the Space of a day.

March 23rd Tuesday. I paid a pew tax Saco Congl. Meeting house for ground floor pew say my half of it & 1.62½
for one Gallery .32 pew
for other .13 etc.
2.07½

March 23rd (continued) Paid this sum to Lawriston Ward Collector. I also paid to Webster printer at Saco one dollars for printing an advertisment runing five weeks calling on debtors to the firm of Bradbury & Merrill to pay without delay.

March 30th Deceased in Biddeford a Mrs. Handson sudenly or rather so palpatation of heart. Mr. Handson was lately from Windham or Westbrook moved into the Dearborn House. Engaged in Blasting Rocks for Water Power Company near the Coles mill or where it formerly stood.

April 1st Thursday. I went with the Rev. Mr. Kimball up to Mr. Joshua Merrills at the funeral of a child of Daniel Merrill who lives in Biddeford but wished to bury his child at his fathers in Saco therefore had the funeral there, there first Child about a year old.

This forenoon it Snowed wind from South cleared off in the afternoon tolerable pleasant.

On monday last the Girls working in the York Company factory - say about 500 of them quit work some dissatisfaction on account wages & being requested all board on the Island and they Marched with musick over to Biddeford and over lower Bridge this was on monday 29th.

April 2nd Thawy & verry muddy walking a lecture at vestry by Rev. Mr. Hopkins.

Sudden Death a Daughter of George Hooper of this Town was killed out right by the discharge of a Gun at the House of Joel or Daniel Hooper, a boy son of Joel Mc Intire took a Gun from the Chamber Snaped it on the Stairs this girl was at the Entry & receivd the charge.

April 3rd Cloudy last night and frequent lightning some thunder a quite a distance but Cleared off in the night with a verry high wind and cold freesing weather.

There were two vessels got up to the Wharf yesterday by some cuting or sawing Ice and last night the Ice cleared above the fall.

Departed this Life Wm. H. Harrison President of the United States at City of Washington Just one month after taking his seat as President sick about a week.

April 4th Sabbath, Rev. C. Marsh preached in our vestry in the forenoon. A fire broke out in Saco about one o'clock afternoon in the stable belonging to the three story Leland House on Main Street burnt it and a part of Buckminister & Foss holl out shop & the Leland House was Scorched and a good deal damaged by trying to take out the windows, stair railing &c. Supposed by some to be damaged @ 1000 dollars.

April 4th (continued) Capt. How who married the widow of Benja. Pike Esq. hastened to the fire about an hundred Rods but fainted and died in few minutes after geting there was lately from South Berwick York Co.

April 7th News is a float that President Harrison Deceased on Sunday last 4th Instant.

April 12th Monday. Rev. C. Marsh preached at Saco yesterday and set out for home to day in Stage fair to day & verry cold snow hold on yet.

April 15th Colo. Harrison Lowell & myself were attending as a Reference or rather as appraiser on Sarah Mc Intires land on account of contemplated rail Road going through her farm, we supposed they would take about or nearly Seven acres of her Land & we appraised the Land at 75 dollars per acre and two hundred dollars Damage beside the 75 dolls of the land. Our fees paid us 2.00 each; perhaps on whole, amount would be 700 dollars.

Quite cold and frose quite hard last night news in the print of the Death of Willm. Ladd Esq. of Minott died at Portsmouth N. H. a great advocate for the Peace Society

April 17 & 21st Tolerable pleasant to day it is said that there is two feet of Snow in the woods. Hay is verry Scant Indeed many people use Corn in measure for their cattle corn is Sold 70 to 75 cents a bushel rather a cold rain Storm to day backward Spring no farming work done yet of any consequence Hay 16 to 18 dollars per Ton now.

April 28th I attended as a deligate with the Rev. Caleb Kimball to day at Saco by a Request of the first Congregational Church in Saco the Rev. Saml. Hopkins their pastor having asked a dismission on account of bodily and mental indisposition But there was a failure in attendance only two attend besides myself & Mr. Kimball & we adjourned one week to meet again.

May 5th We attended in Council by adjournment at Saco and the Result of our doings was to desolve the relation between the Church & their Pastor Rev. S. Hopkins on account of his indisposition of Body & mind he is in hope of recovering his health. The council which consisted of Rev. Mr. Freeman, Mr. Rice, Bux. Sewall Scarb. Mr. Walker of Wells & of Wells, Mr. Kimball and at three o'clock adjourned without day & he was dismissed.

This morning about 6 o'clock A.M. a fire broke out in the House of William N. Hill in this town it was first discovered by Mrs. Hill by the crying two of their children in a chamber adjoining the one where Mrs. Hill was up

May 5th (continued) & below with an infant 3 or 4 weeks old (left in bed) but rushed into the room took the children from their bed which was on fire & carried them out but they were considerably burned & Mrs. Hills face was considerably burned. They lost most of their beds & beding & their weer clothes the lower story of the House was Saved but uper part was preserved standing but had to be taken down so much burned Suppose it must have taken from funnell of the Stove in the Chamber.

May 14th Friday. A Fast on account of the Death of President Harrison Proclamed by the now President Tyler.

Fair & pleasant day.

May 22nd Saturday. Warm and Spring like weather.....At work preparing foundation for Store.

May 24th Mr. Nathl. Cole died I believe 24th aged over Sixty years Consumption - 64.

May 31st Monday. Pleasant & fair I was harrowing my low ground above the Corner for plantg.

June 2nd I went to Alfred as a witnefs &c. Between Brundridg, Isaac Bickford & Noah Hoopers Gooch Island &c. affair.

June 10th Rev. John Gunnison came to lower Parish with his family to be there minister. Mr. Sheppard having left.

We or Samuel Tarbox finished shingling the Store about Six days work it took twelve thousand of Shingle & about 1000 we cast out So I have to pay for about 13000 Shingle.

July 5th Monday. A meeting at lower meeting House of the Youth or Juvenile Temperance Society meeting house filled & then after adress at 12 O'clock retired to the Grove among the Shady Oaks near the House and partook of refreshment, about 400 hundred the greater part of them youth. Then after dinner returned to the Meetg. house had addrefses again and then formed a Town Temperance Society. Chose a President & four Vice Presidents myself Prest. Colo. H. Lowell, S. Haley, Isaac Bickford, Vice Presidents. George O. Burnham Secratary.

We Borrowed at the York Bank 200 dollars payable in 90 days note payable to me & I Indorsed the back of it to pay toward Repair of House.

July 6th A Parish Meeting 6th at 6 o'clock Chose Committee to make an appraisment of the Pews of our meeting house. Viz. Jon. King, Tristram Jordan Ju. & S.S. Fairfield to appraise said Pews then voted to sell the Pews at auction on Wednesday,

continued from July 6th 14 Instant one o'clock and did sell accordingly nearly all of them raised about 130 dolls. choice money.

Deceased about week ago Deacon Samul Woodsum of Saco aged 86.

uly 12th Buried this day I. Spencer son of Samuel Spencer went into the River yesterday on the Sabbath swimming & was drowned.

uly 28th On wednesday we Dedicated our newly modeled Meeting House Rev. Mr. Shepherd offered the first prayer Rev. C. Kimball preached the Sermon and Rev. Mr. Baker Concecrating prayer. Then held a meeting in afternoon Sermon by Rev. Mr. Baker St. James thou believest there is one God thou doest well the Devils also belives and trembles the House was filled in forenoon.

Mr. Dependance Walker died in this Town on Gooch Island with consumption.

gust 1st Sabbath and Communion with our Church two admitted to the Church viz. Geo. O. Burnhar & Lucy Handson by profession.

gust 3rd Tuesday. We held a Church fast on account of the distrefsing drought a prayer meeting in forenoon & a Sermon in the afternoon pretty well attended.

gust 4th Much is now doing in favor of Tempemance the Intemperate are puting their names on the paper dayley and come forward in the Cause & pushing it forward. An addrefs by Mr. C. Webster of Saco a Reformed drinker delivered at our meeting House the House was filled.

gust 5th Mosher & Berry put their Goods into my store lately built say about $2000 in amount &c.

gust 7th Dry remarkably dry Corn dying & Dead.
Temperance meeting last evening at the third School district.

gust 8th Sabbath four Children were Baptiezed Ivory Dame one, Will. W. Hill one, Wm. Hutchins one, & Wm. Hopping Jur. one.

A meloncholy Drought Six weeks tomorrow Since we have had so much rain as would fully to lay the dust.

gust 11th Came a Small rain this morning so as to lay the dust cleverly & cloudy all day.

I have Setled up for three pews in our newly remodeled meeting House and I paid cash 65.50 & turned two old pews at ten dollars each the whole were 85.50.
Nos. 18 & 51 are mine and No. 11 I give to Samuel T. Merrill.

ugust 12th Thursday. I got my Policy Indorsed on account of build Store which Increased the risk So they ad one percent to the risk and I paid 86 cents down gave note for 1.07 in addition to the first.

ugust 17th Tuesday, dry remarkably so it seems that corn is past recovery & potatoes too corn is now arisen to about a dollar a Bushl.

ugust 19th Thursday. The Baptist meeting House at Saco was dedicated Calvin Baptist.

ugust 21st Saturday. It has been a verry warm week and windy & the most dust moving that perhaps ever known and I believe the sharpest drought prospect dismal & Gloomy but on 22d Sabbath day there was an exceeding refreshing rain by showers two in the morning & one toward night. Hence it is eight weeks Since we have had rain anything more than Scanty to lay the dust untill now.

ugust 29th Sabbath cloudy & a little spray of rain has been none Since last Sabbath not so hot & drying as the week before last I am this day Sixty five years of age (65).

ugust 30th Monday. We had to a verry fine Rain indeed a moderate Storm. Then warm all the week untill Saturday then we had Several Small Showers so that grafs in mowing lands look green again and I think I never Saw the grafs so dead in Summer as it was before the late rains.

SEPT.

pt. 9th Rev. Mr. Loring from Athens with his wife Stoped or called on us are going to Sanford Say the drought has been severe at Athens although it did not begin so early as here. A great crop of hay there but corn & potatoes verry lile.

pt. 6th Monday. The Selectmen Treasurer and clerk met this forenoon according to previous notice given by them to attend to giveing Licence to Retailors &c. if any should require it and there was but one applicant Jere Moulton, but we thought the publick good did not require it we therefore did not grant any.

pt. 13th A little daughter of Capt. Oliver Perkins Died to day with fever 10 yr. A Mr. Ricker died yesterday rather an aged man with fever many others in that neighbourhood sick.

pt. 19th Departed this life to day Mrs. Goodwin the wife of Thos. M. Goodwin and daughter of Benja. Gordon of this town died with a fever left an Infant about 3 weeks old. The child died also.

pt. 21st News of the death of James Freeman Emery he was a son of Capt. Simon Emery of this Town who died at New York many years ago, Freeman died at Texefs or rather was killed by

ept. (continued)	21st	some of the natives while Journeying in Company with a number of others who thot it is said were Robers.
		Susanna Murphy died in Lyman She had for Some time keeping a boarding house at Saco Factory Consumption.
ept.	27th	We had a Mr. Smith to plaster our Store Chamber and the Garret @ 7/6 a day.
ept.	29th	I bought a quarter of Beef 84 @ 3.50. There has been no Frost this fall as yet this month has been verry fine the grafs lands have Revived verry much so that the fields have verry good feed and potatoes in Some cases are growing well, will be probably tolerable Crop where late planted.
t.	3rd	Sabbath cloudy & cold came on a Storm of rain verry high wind & continued all day on monday.
t.	4th	Cloudy and Easterly wind little rain a Mr. Samuel Coolbrith of Scarboro & his Son about 16 years of age were lost they went out a fishing on Saturday before the Storm or on Saturday night perhaps for hake fish their boat was found ashore on the beach I believe and the father was missing but the Son was in the boat & that full of water the boy in the fore cuddy drowned.
t.	5th	James Sinnott of Saco & a Mr. Goldthwait of Died at Sea or New Orleans with fever a board of a vessel of which Jotham Benson was master.
		I engaged the half pew which I own in Saco Meeting house to a Mrs. Sands & she is to pay such rent as is Customary or as others let pews.
t.	12th	We began a protracted Meeting in our Parish and continued it four days & half 12 Sermons were preached by Mr. Chas. Freeman of Limerick, Mr. Baker of Kennebunk Port, & one by a Mr. Richmond of Saco a methodist preacher.
t.	17th	Sabbath Mr. Peabody from the Lower Parish preached with us by exchange with Mr. Kimball.
		Also Died at Biddeford Capt. John Nason aged
t.	25th	Mr. William Goold moved from Windham into Our Store Chamber and has Hired all the uper part of the building for his family & Taylor Shop &c.
t.	28th	Mrs. Dearborn begun to board with us.
r.	1st	Died in this town Mr. John Brock a verry Intemperate man and died in consequence of ardent Spirit without doubt in

Nov. 1st (continued) my mind confined 3 or 4 weeks bereaved of his reason mostly of the time of his sicknefs.

Died at Springfield Massachusetts Mr. Osha Pinkham Son of Israel Pinkham.

Nov. 9th I had the four quarters & hide of an heifer quarters weyed 294 @ 18/ hide 53 lb.@ 36/ had it of Mr. Seavey living on the Nathl. Cole place amounting to 12 dollars I sent the hide by Sevey to Benj. Fenderson to tan for me.

Nov. 10th I bought twenty Bushels of Corn at the wharf @ 75 cents had it ground at the mill coarse for the Cows & horse Hay is now Selling at 17 dollars a Ton.

We had a meeting 2d Religious Society & voted to procure a new minister and Chose a Committee of three for that purpose -- Moses Bradbury Harrison Lowell and William N. Hill to be one Rev. Mr. Kimball's time will expire 16th of this month but we request him to Stay with us untill we get another.

Nov. 25th Thanksgiving Day Mr. Kimball gave a discourse from 46 Psalm first verse God is our Refuge & Strength.

Nov. 29th Monday a Snow Storm cold & dry snow had our hog Butchered to day weyed 405.

Decm. 7th A Council Convened at the first Church meeting house to examine the Candidate Mr. Charles Peabody previous to Ordination over that Church and people and his quallification appearing to be Satisfactory they proceed to Ordination on Wednesday the 8th.

Reading of Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Cresey.
First prayer before sermon by Mr. Walker.
Sermon by C. Marsh now of Roxbury (John 3d 11th)
Charge by Mr. Rice of Buxton.
Right hand by Mr. Kimball.
Charge to the Ch. & people by Mr. Walker and an Anthym.
Benediction by the pastor.

Decm. 23rd I paid to Joseph Edward twelve dollars in full for an air tight Stove which I previously had on Trial.

It is stated in the papers that the main Bridge at Brunswick two Saw mills and a Grist mill were consumed by fire some few days ago lofs Estimated at 16,000 dolls.

Decm. 25th The protracted meeting at Scarboro Continued untill to day when Mr. Kimball came home and says that the Rev. Mr. Sewall lost a son short sicknefs died on friday and 25th buried/quite an affliction surely.
Saturday
Came a rain on thursday night and Spoiled the Sleding again.

Jany 7th I had a load of Hay of Jere C. Stimson 1948 lb. Hay is now selling Current at Eighteen dollars and some loads have been sold at 19 dollars a Ton.

I Bought 6 bushels of corn of M. O. Berry at 80 cents per bushel.

Jany 11th Mr. William Goodwin was badly hurt by the force of Powder at work on the Rail Road on Saco Side. They Charged a seem in the Ledge & discharged it but did not open it and they immediately turned in powder again and Mr. Roads who turned in from a canister for it took fire again while he was doing it the canister it was supposed was forced from his hand struck his forehead and took off the uper part and threw it a distance he was killed on the spot, had a family at Waterboro - and Mr. Goodwin was badly wound in his face one Eye is lost and they are fearful of the other. One other was some hurt a Mr. Prescutt.

Jany 16th Sabbath day. Rev. Mr. Cressey preached to us to day by exchange with Mr. Kimball and attended the funeral of a Mifs Sherman of Montvill had been at work a short time in the factory & poor.

Jany 17th I Reced. twelve dollars & fifty cents of Charles C. Sawyer for two & a half Shares in the Saco Boom Corporation. The weather is quite moderate and people do something at Sleding but a good deal of Bare ground the Stage runs on wheels.

Jany 24th Monday fair and cold not verry high wind.
The proprietors of the Congregational Meeting of Saco have petitioned the Legislature to do away their former Charter and to place it on the same footing of other Houses of worship are.

Deceased at Saco Mr. Cumming Banks at the Old Orchard aged 72 years.

Jany 28th Deceased at Portland Edmund Coffin Esq. of Biddeford he went to Portland on tuesday last in Chaise and was taken ill on his way thither the trouble was stopage of water he lived untill thursday night & died was brought home on friday & buried sunday. A Postmortum examination was taken on Saturday found there was a small bag just inside of the bladder near the neck which was the cause of stopage of water the bladda bust before his death.

Jany 29th Drowned in Saco River a Mifs Mulvey of Saco on Saturday eve was riding in a Slay with a Mr. Williams on the River it being dark no moon & no Snow on the Ice could not see the travelled track therefore let his horse take his own course perhaps nearly a mile above the Littlefalls the horse went into an open place the girl was drown & the horse but the man by pasing on to the horse was enabled to throw himself on to the Ice. See later under Mch 3rd

Feby 6th Sabbath frose some last night but moderate to day. There were nine persons admitted to the Church to day viz. Joseph S. Hill and wife, William Hopping, Thos. Cole, John Q. Adams, Printifs Pinkham, Jane Hooper, Caroline Fofs and Elvira Bickford; also the wife of Lemul Fofs was admitted by letter from Kbunk Port Church.

Feby 8th Tuesday came a little Snow came last night but all spash to day & mud. Yesterday on monday at Eleven o'clock the Steem car came out from Portland on the Rail Road as far as Goosfair brook with a load of Gentlemen & returned at 3 o'clock P.M. took a load from Goosefair in to Portland and out again &c. gratis.

Feby 16th Wednesday a little Snow about noon then came on Rain high wind at night Southeasterly a Ship cast on Shore at Cape Neddok York Capt. Thombs of Biddeford or Portland.

Feby 17 & 18th Thursday a little Snow in the morning Squally and cold the ground is about bare now. Samuel Batchelder Esq. son died to day Short consumption Several girls have lately died at the Factory boarding houses with the Measels and Mary ann Mow who lives with us is now sick with Measels.

Ship William Fales built at Biddeford 1841 by Edmund & Elisha Perkins was mostly owned in Portland had made a voyage to Matanzas and to Bristol & had discharged her cargo there was now in Ballast went a Shore on York beach on a Rocky place & went to pieces. The Capt. and the two mates and five others were lost five were saved. Capt. Thombs was Insured 12,000 dollars it is said.

Feby 22nd Tuesday. Washington's birthday we had a Temperance meeting at our meeting house the Town Temperance Society Chose oficers Colo. Lowell President and Geo. H Adams, Isaac Bickford, Daniel Holman and Samuel Haley Vice presidents for the ensuing year.

March 1st Monday fair & good sleding and Improved well.

I setled with John Johnston for labour of Joiner work done on the uper Story of the Store $111.86, paid him by order on Mosher and Berry 50 dollars & Cash Sixty one dollars and 86 cents Bill Recpted the sleding is gone to day at noon - and quite muddy.

March 3rd Thursday the Ice Cleared out of the River.
The Mifs Mulvey that was drowned a month ago was taken up to day at the Boom her clothes and Bonnet were on she had it is said 37 dollars in gold and a three dollar bill which were in her pocket & in a purse safe she was taken to Buxton to Mrs. Hopkinsons and the funeral attended there

May 14th (Died) the wife of Dr. Ezra Dean, aged 63.

May 16th I attended as a pallbearer to the funeral of Mrs. Dean.

March 3rd (continued) Since her decease her father & mother came to Saco a week or two ago lately from Ireland knew nothing but all was well untill they arrived they arrived at the Eastward & from there here.

March 11th Mr. Randall Freeman of this town deceased with Consumption aged 32 had been confined all winter his wife died October 1839 with consumption....Mr. Freeman was buried on Sabbath Mr. Kimball attended the funeral.

March 16th Deceased in this town few day ago Joseph Gordon aged 70 years.

March 26th There fell about 5 Inches of Snow last night moist and level So the wood and loging teams worked thiers Sleds and quite good Sleding untill near night.

March 28th Monday Evening Mr. Kimball Began this evening a Series of meeting at the school house near J. H. Bradbury to continue; meetings were continued at the above School House from monday evening to thursday eve and two afternoon lectures in the mean time good attendance in the evening and Some few became Interested Say Tristram Hooper & Wm. Roberts.

April 7th Was yearly fast in our State and it was more like a Sabbath than any fast day that we have witnefsed for years the attendance at meeting was good and the prayer meeting in the evening was well attended so we blefs God and take courage.

April 8th Drowned in the Gooch Creek Henry York Son of Bradbury York fell from Bridge was seen by many but could not relieve him was rather remarkable for Sobrity, about 16 years.

April 27th Wednesday. I Receed. a Check on York Bank being the Reduction of a quartr part of Said Bank Stock Intrest 515.00 also Receid. a dividend on wharf Share being 30.47 for the past year &c.

May 29th Sabbath. Mr. Kimball preached text A. M. the fervent effectual prayer &c. afternoon 122 Psalm first verse I was glad when they said let us go into the House of the Lord.

And we took up a Contribution for to pay the expense of fuel & for lights year past we got 6.30 & a check of Mr. Marden .50 also Mr. Kimball gave 50 in addition.

May 30th Monday morning cloudy a fine Rain last night. I have fed my cows with hay until now on account of the drought; the last season I had to feed my cows on hay soon after haying and have done so untill now nine months or more.

June 28th 1842 I put out 4 cows into D. Cutts pasture and kept them there one week then took out two & kept the other two there one week more making equal to one cow Six weeks 9/

(From flyleaf)

July 12th Tuesday I put them in my own pasture up to Sept. 15 Inclusive amt. of 2 Cows 15 days &c. Now up to Oct. 1st 2 cows 9 days.

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June 5th Sabbath day & Communion in our Church and there were 5 admitted to the Church by profession Viz. Tristram Hooper & wife, Daniel Merrill & Ann his wife and Mary Hooper wife of Noah Hooper and four admited by letter Ethne Clark, Daniel Carlton, William Berry & Joanna Hutchin. Quite warm to day & Som thing dry now.

June 8th Wednesday. I worked on the highway yesterday & to day Scmthing cool feed in pasture is quite Scant. Capt. N. Chadwick hauled a one Story building about 40 feet Long & over 20 feet wide from the factory Island to Biddeford on eight pair of wheels.

July 2nd There was a Mr. Abbot was drowned to day went in to the River to bath near to Cleaves wharf in Biddeford at low water he with Several others waded out to Cow Island and attemting to wade Back came into a deep place could not Swim & was drown.

July 4th Monday a real turn out of the Washington Society a Banner was presented by the ladies Mifs Shannon presented it to Moses Hill the Martha Washington Society came together and the Juvenile or children Tem Society were gathered and marched with the artilery and musick Band to Saco and there was another Banner presented to the Washington Society there by mifs Nye to C. Webster then the Juvenile Society in both towns went into Saco Congl. Meeting House & Rev. Mr. Kimball addrefs them; the other two Societias of both towns marchd to the common and there had an Oration by a Mr. Balow from Portsmouth then all of the Societies walked to Springs Island in Biddeford and took dinner.

July 11th I with Jacob K. Cole went up to Sally McIntires to judge the damage to her House & Barn in consequence of Blasting the Ledge near her Barn.

July 21st Hay is sold now for about Eight dollars. This day the Steem Car pased over the River Bridge for the first time with a load of Iron & carried it onward a piece toward KBunk Port.

August 15th Monday. Church & Society met at vestry to see about raising a Subscription to hire Rev. Thomas Newman Lord to labour with us in the Gospel & Began to pafs paper.

August 17th Wednesday we mowed our Barley partly a fair day but thursday Cloudy, a Shower.

August 19th Friday got in our barley tolerable hay day and the only one that has been for Sixteen days a good deal of Hay & grain hurt. Rev. Mr. Lord went again to Topsham yesterday.

August 21st Sabbath day Rev. Mr. Lord preached to day Text in morning Luke 16th 8 verse and the Lord Commended the unjust Stuard afternoon Seek or strive to Enter in at the Strait gate.
This is the third Sabbath that Mr. Lord has preached with us.

August 22nd Monday we had a parish meeting and voted in quite a number of new members to the Society voted that Israel Pinkham be a committee to give deeds to the owners of pews in the newly Repaird meeting House.
Chose Moses Bradbury, Israel Pinkham & S. Merrill assessors and S. Merrill Treasurer voted that Invite Rev. Thos. N. Lord to labour with us in the ministry for one year commencing the 6th of August Inst. for the Sum of 500 dollars raised by Subscription.

Sept. 3rd Saturday I bought at Auction house lot No. 7 from the Coffin lot near the meeting hs. at forty two dollars.

Sept. 17th Saturday. Benja. Mosher sailed from Portland for N. Orleans with Cargo of potatoes.

Sept. 30th General Muster at Saco Reviewed by Major General Warren of Saco two Regiments met Lyman & Hollis Regs.

Oct. 3rd I Received a dividend at the York Bank the amount of forty five dollars. I signed a petition to the County Commissioners to discontinue a Highway from the post Road near to widow of Benja. Wakefield to near Josiah Hills crosing the new Alfred Road &c.

Oct. 8th Saturday I worked on the Highway moving dirt from the Carlisle Hill to fill up between the Stone walls connected with the Bridge acrofs the brook a verry heavy job of Stone work undertaken by Joseph Dearborn & Sons at 7/6 a perch I believe.

Nov. 4th Deceased this morning Mrs. Mary Coffin widow of Edmund Coffin Esq. of this town nearly 70 I believe.

Rev. Mr. Lord left board with us to day & moved into the Dearborn House.

Nov. 26th Tolerable Slaying to day by the side of the Road. Benjamin Mosher arived at home from New Orleans came by water to Boston and from thence in the Steam Car which been runing from Portland through to Boston for the week past Benjamin came out at 12 o'clock & arived here at 5 o'clock P.M.

Decm. 4th Benjamin Mosher started for Boston this afternoon to attend as a witnefs in the Case of the Mutany on board a Ship at the mouth of the Missippee River Capt. Perkins & his brother his mate of Kennbunk but first landed at Boston.

Decm. 20th I Bought a load of Hay of Jere Wadlin at 9 dollars per Ton 16.68 cents.

Decm. 25th Sunday Rev. Mr. Peabody preached with us text in morning John 17th 24 verse I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am.

March 25th I came from Augusta after having been there Eighty days (as a member of the Legislature).

Deaths during my absence three mo. past.
Josiah Stimson Palsy
Abram Clark Consumption
John Cotten do
Samuel Leighton Drowned
Charles Barrows Drowned
Benja Hall of Saco Consumption
Wife of Samuel Sawyer of Saco
Daniel Hooper Biddeford aged
Carline Tarbox
Hannah S. Chase of Waterville
Died at Saco Mrs. Shannon (she was dughter of Seth Spring) the wife of Samuel Shannon 22 yrs.
William Paul of Buxton died about 30th March
H. Spring March 30th

April 6th Was the annual Fast the snow falling in the forenoon our meeting was held in the Vestry because of the Storm & bad traveling A Mr. Cressey who lives at Portland but has been preaching on at the West laterally, was setled at Norway about 35 years ago, preached to day.

April 8th Saturday cloudy and thawy teams are in thick with Sleds with wood Log hay &c. but Some Spashy here abouts.

April 10th Died at Saco Nathaniel Dearing with a Canser on his neck had been laid by over a year and Suffered verry much.

April 12th Wednesday verry pleasant people are in Slay but not much teaming to day I received forty five dollars as a dividend on fifteen shares in the York Bank and left it deposited in Said Bank. I also received Seven dollars it being a remnant due on Seven Shares of the old Saco Banke which makes 101 dollars on the share in the winding up of the Saco Bank and I am told that there may be an other Small dividend when Some real Estate belonging to the Bank is Sold.

April 17th The Ice cleared above and below the falls to day there is now a moderate freshet in the River made most from Snow and yet there is a great deal of Snow left in the ground Some Slays pafs to day but the middle of the post road is mostly bare.

April 21 & 22nd I worked a part of each day with many others on the Ledge in front of the meeting House blasting with powder & conclude to do more yet for the better accomodation of geting to it.

April 23rd Sabbath Some rain fell to day the River has arisen to quite a freshet.

April 24th To day it Rains by moderate Showers there has not been any farming done as yet this Spring on account of Snow.

April 26th I was at work at the meeting House ledge with nearly twenty others and we have made it look quite much better.

April 27th The Bog mill went off in the freshet to day in the afternoon the roof sailed down Strick the Bridge & came verry near carring that down Stream it rained verry hard from 6 to 8 o'clock afternoon.

April 28th The water is higher this morning than yesterday water up to the Streak sils of Springs mill on the Island The weather is fair this morning no farming done yet this Spring it is Said that hay is quite scarce in the back towns quite pleasant to day.

April 29th Saturday I worked afternoon at the ledge at the meeting House and I think one day more with eight or ten hands would finish the ledge.

April 30th Sabbath day. A verry full meeting at our house on account of the bridge over the East Branch of the factory Island being unsafe to pass & has been so several days. Charles Barrows who was drowned near the head of Springs Island at the 22d of Jany. last was taken up to day drifted a Shore below the Dam on Water Street Saco.
The Bridge went off Sabbath night so people have to foot it over the Rail Road bridge & some boat acrofs below falls.

May 1st There came on a tedious Storm last night raised the water in the river several inches higher than it has before been the Eastern or Branon Bridge went down streem last night or this morning.

Original note: Freshet highest that has been since 1814

The Storm stoped a little after noon about 5 o'clock P.M. the great Boom gave way and down came its contents but a verry few Logs but quite an amount of drift stuff and the union falls Bridge came with it and took away one length of Strings & one half of the Eastern pier of the Bridge acrofs the western side of Springs Island.

The water abated ¼ Inches monday night But on Tuesday morning the double mill on Spring Island went down Stream now the Bridge between the Gooch and Factory Island is swept away.

May 1st The widow of John Cotten buried a Child some over a year old had been sick some time a kind of Consumption.

May 9th Tuesday fair & rather cool the people began to Repair the bridge leading on to Springs Island.
I paid my money town &c. tax to Henry H. Hooper being 39.71 cents took Recpt.

May 12th I planted Some Early potatoes in the garden and I sowed 2 Bushel of Oats & some grafs Ceed for Samuel T. Merrill.

May 13th Saturday a Town meeting William Smith Moderator voted to rebuild one half of the Gooch Island Bridge that was swept away by the Spring freshet Chose a Committee of three to Superintend the building the Bridge Jos. Dearborn, Cyrus Gordon & E. J. Cleaves are the Committee voted to authorise them to hire twelve Hundred Dollars to build the Bridge with.
And then voted that 100 dollars out of the highway money in addition to the 50 dollars voted in march last to repair the Spring Island Bridge over West Branch.

May 15th Monday fair and warm and also tuesday quite warm to day people are now begining to plant corn.

May 16th Tuesday. I was at the lower parish to day on a Council with Dea. Clark & Rev. Mr. Lord from this Parish - Rev. Mr. Baker and a Mr. Miller & a Mr. Ward & Rev. Mr. from Kennebunk Port and Rev. Mr. Hopkins & Dea. Jos. Hayes of Saco made up the Council and we voted that Rev. Mr. Peabody the Pastor of Said first Parish in Biddeford be dismissed by his Request and the consent of the Church

May 23rd A meeting of Proprietors of the Saco wharf and voted Jonathan King moderator John Fairfield Esq. Clerk Chose a Committee of two and authorised them lay out a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars on Said wharf which was damaged by the late freshet. Capt. Harley and Jona King were the Committee then Chose a Committee of two John Fairfield & Daniel Cleaves to Examine the former Committees doings for 20 years past and to put their Report on the Record Book then adjourned the meeting to the first monday in Nov. next to hear the Report of the Committee on the repair of the wharf or any other businefs.

June 3rd Saturday. A town meeting & voted to raise 400 dols. to be assessed it is said on the Rail Road voted to Indefinitly pospone the 3d article which was to Instruct the Gooch Bridge Committee to stop where they are untill the County Commissioners to on to discontinue the Road & Bridge &c.

June 7th I was down below at the meeting the afternoon some account by a Mr. Merrill I believe of Mafsachusetts of the State of Religion at Jappan the Bible was wholly rejected for the Century past there they took up a contribution for to aid the Bible Society.

June 21st The Universal Meeting House at Saco dedicated.

June 13th I went down to Winter harboar to attend Some businefs to say collect some notes.

June 25th We mowed our white weed fields &c.

June 30th Benj. Mosher & wife came home from Gorham.

July 1st Saturday a Son of Peter Smith was drowned went into the River at the lower meeting House Eddy he was a Swimer it was thought the Cramp took him in the water & he sank. (aged 19)

July 9th Sabbath. Communion in our Church and widow Mary Fofs and wido Lydia Stimson were admitted to the Ch. by profession and a widow Jane Wallis Taylor by letter from a presbiterian Church in Scotland.

July 18th Tuesday there was rather Small but a verry Seasonable Rain last night people Began in good earnest at Haying yesterday but no making hay to day Benjamin Mosher was taken sick last night so that called Doct. Hill at one o'clock & he let some blood to releave the Severe pain in his head and he is some better this morning.

August 5th Saturday fair weather all this week and quite dry potatoes suffer much; the new Bridge over the Eastern Stream from factory Island has been pasable ten days or so and they are at work in good Earnest on the gooch Island Bridge.

August 9th This day William Berry moved his goods from our Store to his own below.

August 14th Washingtonian Temperance meeting at the School house 11th district chose Alvin Patterson president for the year & 4 vice president Capt. A. Meserve, Andrew Tarbox & two more also a prudential Committee.

We had a Parish meeting by adjournment and we had a written communication from Rev. Mr. Lord to the Committee saying he is not prepared to give an answer consenting to be installed or to make any contract to stay with us any limimeted time unlefs we will build a Parsonage House for him to Occapy but voted to offer him 500 dollars for the coming year or in that proportion a part of a year. The Committee on accounts on the meeting house &c. Say there is 20 dls. due Wm. N. Hill who was purser then the 200 note & 40 dollar Interest on that & 20 due Daniel S. Hooper for two old Pews would make about 280 dollars then there is due for Pews not sold 3 in number 50 dollars and due on pews that are sold about 100 dols. which leaves the House in debt about 130 dollars but we concluded not to make any assesment at present supposing we should have to shingle the roof the next Season we chose Moses Bradbury Wm. N. Hill & Isaac Bickford to be a Committee to make arangements to see what a House (a Parsonage House) might

October 19th Some rainy this morning so there is now a decent freshet in the river.

October 24th Fair and quite pleasant. Dandalions, some of them, are now in bloom etc.

August 14th (continued) Cost and See what can be raised by contribution to build one then adjourned two weeks to meet at Six o'clock at the vestr

August 24th Thursday I dug a few Bushels of potatoes because they were roting on account of so much wet it takes about 50 hills to the B.

August 30th Died last night Capt. Solomon Hopkins of this town a Revolution Pentioner aged 88 years and some months.

Sept. 4th A Mrs. Brown of this town was drowned this day a little above where the lower old Bridge formerly stood she went down by the river to Rince a drefs and fell into the River & was drowned a young woman with two little children left orphans.

Sept. 8th I am diging potatoes which were planted 22d of June last a little over ten weeks ago they were Roting some, the reason why I dig them now, on Low ground.

Sept. 13th Wednesday. Quite a disaster with the exprefs Car last night in Wells by some means it run off the track and Stove it badly killed the engineer & Mr. Adams of Portland out right and wounded several others.

Sept. 20th Capt. James Murch of this Town Committed Suicide by hanging himself in his Barn aged about 65 years had been out of health some time and much dejected fearing that he should be reduced to want.

Wednesday noon I set out with Mrs. M. to visit our friends at Turner & Minot and got home on friday 29th Safe but our horse fell down on our return in Scarbough and I received a little hurt and Mrs. Merrill none although we both fell out forward Injured the harnefs a little.

A widow Ayer died at Saco on factory Island a few days ago she was daughter of Mr. Jona. Norton of Buxton She had been keeping a millenor shop in Saco some years.

Sept. 29th Friday Genl. Muster at Buxton to day and at Kenebunk Port.

Oct. 21st Saturday. The Gooch Island Bridge so called is so near being built that several foot persons crosed it on the Strings rather an unusual warm day for the Season.

Oct. 25th I attended as a pall bearer at the funeral of Major Rishworth Jordan aged 90 years had been feeble for Several years was a broken man and had been obliged to keep his bed mostly for 3 or 4 years.

Oct. 27th Died at Kenebunk Port Mr. Persia Bickford aged about 80 years droped down in the house soon after coming in from without & died instantly buried on Sabbath day 29th Oct.

December 8th Samuel Boothby committed suicide this morning in his cider house at Buxton. It is said that he was possessed of as much property as any man in town but had been brought in to pay perhaps nearly a thousand dollars for others lately.

Nov. 1st We killed our hog weyed 507 pounds.

Nov. 21st Tuesday Mr. Ebenezer Dennett of Saco was buried this day aged Capt. Nathl. Goodwin of Biddeford Died this morning had been failing for some months aged 72 years was Intered 23 at the burying place in Benja. Gordon field.

Nov. 22nd A Mr. Rogers who died in Biddeford was I believe a native in Massachusts Journeyd this way for health but died in this town was buried down at R. Jordans burying ground at least 50 year ago his bones were taken up to day and removed west he was the Seventh generation from John Rogers who was burnt at Smithfield.

Nov. 29th Wednesday evening a donation party spent the evening at Rev. Mr. Lords in Bid. about one hundred and fifty were present Rev. Mr. Davenport and his wife from the Lower parish &c.

Decm. 5th Deceased in this Town the wife Dea. Waldo Hill aged

Decm. 6th Wednesday Benja. Mosher start for Boston in the Cars to appear as a witnefs in the Case of Capt. Perkins of Kenebunk Port.

Decm. 7th This is Thanksgiving day in this State it Snowed moderately all day and somthing drifted at night came perhaps 6 inches.

Decm. 14th Thursday B. Mosher came from Boston had attended Court there 4 days past on the Capt. Perkins of K Bunk case of mutiny on board a vessel at N. Orleans a year ago the 2 men Sailors Suit for damage against the Capt. for wounds Receivd by the mate in discharging two pistols.

Decm. 24th Sunday. Mr. Lord preached A.M. text Galation 6th chap. first verse Brethren if a man be overtaken in a falt ye which are Spiritual restore Such a one in the Spirit of meeknefs considering your selvs P. M. text 141 Psalm 5th verse

Died at Lyman Mr. William Warren aged 78 years.

Decm. 30th Moses Smith of Lyman was wounded on the Rail Road in crosing the track in Kenebunk Port yesterday at 5 o'clock and died to day forenoon.

Jany 28th Sabbath day Still and the thermometer it is to be down to 24 degres below Zero so it is to be the colest that has been for or at least cold as has been for 20 years.

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Jany 31st Fair and cold indeed.
Cyrus Fofs of Clinton started for home and took two beds & other furniture belonging to his Grandmother at St. Albens.

Jany 31st Died about a week since Samuel Bickford of Saco a noted Beggar -- is not Dead a mistak(en) report & Mr. Bickford is not dead.

Feby 15th I went to Alfred this morning and returned afternoon was summoned as a witnefs concerning the Store near the blackSmit Shop owned by Benja. F. Bryant and it was conceded to that Said Store is on the high way or mostly so. Fair and pleasant to day.

Feby 16th Died this morning Brother Samuel Bradbury of Limerick aged 81 years and 5 months.

Feby 18th Sunday. Died at Buxton about ten days ago Mr. Johsua Woodman aged a Soldeir in the Revolution.

Also died in Biddeford Charles Hooper Son of George Hooper with Hip complaint and a Swolen knee Suffered a great deal for several months previous to his death.

Feby 19th Deceased I believe on monday 19th Deacon Waldo Hill of this town aged Consumption and infirmities of age.

March 24th Jere Moulton Store burnt last night say Saturday night 23d.

March 26th Tuesday. The mills formerly owned by Capt. Bradbury and myself on Spring Island Saw mill Grist mill and full & Carding mill were burnt and entirely destroyed.

The river opened 26th.

March 29th Friday night the House of Mr. Haley of Saco was consumed by fire proceeded from fire among Ashes taken up & put aside the alarm given about ten o'clock in the Eve Mr. Haley & family were in bed and escaped in their night clothes Saved nothing of their furniture of any value the House was built last Season on the Buxton Road a short distance from the Congregational meeting House in Saco I understand there was 3 or 4 hund. Insured.

March 30th Came 6 inches of Snow and drifted.

Departed this life the widow of Judge Thacher aged 84 years She died in Saco at her son Henry S. Thachers Pall Bearers S. Peirson Esq., Capt. S. Hartley, Capt. Saml. Emery, Edw. S. Moulton, Stephen Fairfield and myself.

April 8th Verry pleasant & warm today Voted to build a Stone Bridge arched near John Plaisted mill and the selectmen be the Committee to see or Superintend the building of it.

May 1st Rev. Mr. Davenport was Installed at the first Parish in Biddeford.

May 2nd Thursday Benj. went on to Boston to day quite warm dandalions begin to bloom a verry forward Spring thus far. Mr. Barns came into the Store Chamber about the middle of April I think.

May 9th Thursday. Mr. Dominicus Cutts of this Town Comitted Suicide by drowning himself in the River He had been verry Intemperate for a number of years but for the year and a half past had been a Sober man but we expect he was under Some imbarrasment but do not yet know any particular abot it.

May 11th A town meeting to day and voted build one half of a bridge over the Eastern branch from Spring Island and Jacob K. Cole, Geo. H. Adams & Cyrus Gordon is the Committee to Superintend it.

May 13th Monday P. M. & tuesday A. M. I attended with Tristram Jordan Jur. and Edw. Cleaves to make a division of the Real Estate of Josiah Stimson and it was agreed by the widow and the three Children we should set out her dower or an amount to be hers and her heirs in lieu of her Lawful dower and finding in our Judgment to be about 2000 and we agreed that she have the amt. of 450 and also the pew in the meeting house and we say that she and Leah have the House barn and lot at 875 dolls. and lot No.10 at 80 and that to be their part then Josiah and Elisha Stevenson are to have the whole of the Shop lot Except No. 10 and the plains lot 7 acres called 110 dols. they are to have undivided between them.

May 14th Division of Jos. Stimson Shop or corner lot to Josiah

to No. 1 & half of No. 2 233 No. 4 50	283
No. 5 75 No.7 50 No. 9 55	180
	463
half of plains field is 55 dolls.	55
	518

Elisha Stevenson & wife have lots

No. 3 & half No. 2 202 valued	202
No. 6 95 No. 8 120 No. 11 60	255
half of plains field @ 55 dolls.	55
	512

May 15th Wednesday we planted our potatoes in the low ground - the apple trees are now in bloom and we call it a quite forward Spring put our cows to pasture last monday pretty good feed.

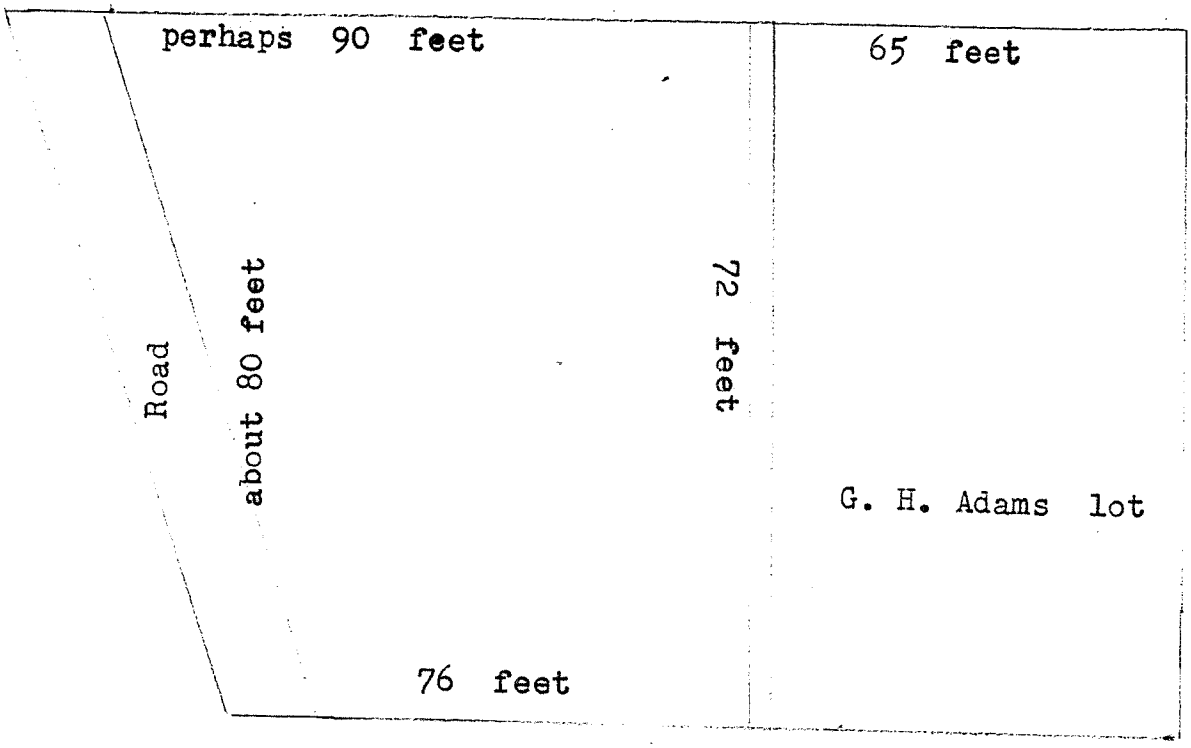
May 16th Pleasant and fine weather. The Saw mill Raised to day belonging to David Barrows & others on Spring Island.

July 15th I have had Samuel T. Merrill cows in the D. Cutts pasture say three cows one day in the week only for Six weeks past previous to above dats except 2 or 3 days of one cow the Burnham cow July 30th 4 cows in but 1 day in the week for 2 weeks more.

May 25th Saturday adjourned town meeting voted to athorise the building Bridge comittee to get by loan on the Credit of the town provided 500 dollars Shall first be raised by Individuals to build a bridge over the East branch on Spring Island. The loan not to exceed one 1000 dollars the bridge to be completed in one year from next October.

A frost two nights this week past so as to kill the low ground Breaks &c.

June 2nd House lot near the meeting House by the Road 75 or 80 feet then South West 76 feet from the Road near the apple tree thence South East by G. H. Adams Lot 72 feet Mr. Adams lot South West line 65 feet.



June 26th I had the Hooper field mowed to day and not much but white weed. B. Mosher went to Augusta to a whig convention quite a large collection of people attended.
I gave a quitclaim Deed to the town of the John Johnson house and lot about 13 acres of Land for 33 dollars which said Johns owed me Said lot being Set of to me on an Execution agains Thomas Evans. Johnson and his wife have to be helped by the Town.

July 2nd We mowed or began to mow in the field above Kings corner and it is much lodged stout burden & slow mowing.

July 19th Singular affair a man I believe by the name of Brown made his appearance in the Road near Wm. Smiths Store intirely naked perhaps about 30 years old it seems that he came

July 19th (continued) through Saco put off a part of his clothes a mile beyond the village & came into the vill with only his shirt on and some boys began to gather & Some men tried to stop him but he came to the first bridge he pulled off his shirt & came with a smart run acrofs the Island untill he came to Smith Store & stoped some time in the road and Some persons got him into the Store & put on Shirt & trowses and he went back to Saco again it Seems he had been a millerite and therefore became deranged.

July 20th We had a parish meeting Chose Thos. H. Cole Clerk, assessors Ivory Dame, Jos. S. Hill and Saml. Merrill chose 3 collectors first Joseph S. Hill, Wm. Hopping & Prentifs Pinkh voted to offer to Rev. T.N.Lord 500 dolls. for the coming year as a minister.

July 22, 23 & 24th Fair in part tolerable Hay days we finished mowing our field above Kings corner was over three Tons 25th a verry fine rain we have a ton of out mowed yesterday.

July 27th Saturday we finished our haying well done.

Sept. 1st Sabbath & our Communion day Mr. Abram Norwood died about a week ago.

Sept. 2nd Departed this life this morning Capt. Samuel Moody of Saco aged 64 yrs.

Sept. 19th I attended the funeral of Tristram Morrill a pall bearer aged 76 yrs.

Sept. 24th Benja. Mosher & wife started for Boston a frost not verry hard & the first this fall.

Oct. 3rd Benja. Mosher Returned from Boston left his wife at Boston and Benja. went as far as New York.

I dug and took in 72 bushels of Potatoes of the red kind we got a bushel from 8 hils in some parts- Some rotten in the field.

Oct. 9th Rev. Thomas N. Lord was Installed as Pastor of this Church and Society Professor. Sheppard from Bangor preached the Sermon text Mathew 13 Chap. 51 & 52 verse quite mild and pleasant weather.

Novm. 9th Wood is now Selling say dry maple @ 4.00 Oak some higher which is about one dollar more per cord than is has been for Several years it took its rise Some weeks ago not on account of a new President for it was not known who would be.

Novm. 17th A town meeting to day on account of Jere B. Moulton Collectorship he being Indebted to the town 1000 dollars

Novm. 17th (continued) and his farms is attatched this meeting is adjourned to the 7th of Decm. 3 weeks voted that the Committee go on to finish the Springs Bridge & that money be Loaned of Some Individual to foot the bill in addition to their privious loans.

Novm. 24th Sabbath a total Eclips of the moon this evening monday fair & high wind and as cold & freesing day as we ever have I believe for the Season.

Decm. 2nd Mr. Alexander Goldthwait died on Sunday night last with a fever has left his wife and one daughter only.

Decm. 5th Thanksgiving to day Rev. Mr. Lord gave a good Sermon.

Decm. 25th A verry mild pleasant day the Snow is now about all gone although it quite good Slaying Sabbath afternoon by a small Snow that Saturday night turned to rain Sabbath night & monday so it is now good wheeling.

Ordination at Saco Edward Strong Dwight was Ordained as pastor of the first Cong. Ch. in Saco
Invocation & Reading Script by Mr. Cressey
Sermon by Mr. Dwight of Portland
Ordaining prayer by Mr. Condit Port.
Charge to the pastor by Mr. Allen
Right Hand by Mr. Chickering Port.
Addrefs to the people Mr. Lord Bidd.
Concluding by Mr. Hopkins for pastor.

(The above concludes the regular portion of Samuel Merrill's diary. There are other enteries through March 5, 1845, but none of historical importance. He died August 2nd 1845, in his 69th year.)

Following items come from his jottings on the inside covers of his last volume of the diary:

List of books:

Rise and Progrefs - Dodridge	0.44
Memoir of Bucanon	0.37½
Boques Evidences	0.25
Anxious Enquirer	0.25
Keith on Prophsy	0.12½
Memoir of Payson	0.44
	1.88
Young Christian	62½
	2.50½

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Rev. John Turner Installed here Dcem. 1804
Meeting house pews built 1806

Account book entries, copied verbatim as written by Merrill

Cash Received

1839	Joseph & Moses Hill		200
	A. Merrill old note		050
	Joseph & Moses Hill		200
	Moses Hill		090
	Alick Jofs		134
	" "		.60
	Recd. of Alex Goldthwait		.30
Jany 1840	of Butland		.25
			789
	Bank dividend 120		
	Shop Score with Moses Jn. 100		220
	Cash Shop old accounts		336
June 1840	of John Fabyan on note		100
Sept.	of Thos. Hill Estate on note		042
	of Joseph S. Hill on note		050
Feby 1841	Recd. on note of Chas. Sawyer		.20
			1557 00
May 11th	Bank Dividend		60
" "	Saco Wharf "		17.50
Sept.	Recvd. a Bank Dividend		60 00
	Loan of Caleb Kimball Loan		100 00
	" Phillimon Hains		140 00
Jany 1842	Boom Shares		12 50
" "	Butland note		25.00
	Joseph S. Hill 65 dols & of Moses 100		165.00
	Money from York Bank for building		450 00
Feby	money of Alexander Jofs on		40 00
			2627 50
" 20th	Loaned of Mr. Kimball		85.00

Jany 1844	Received		
	Joseph & Moses Hill		75.00
	Joseph Hill after abot		50.00
	Jere C. Stimson		65.00

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Cash paid

1839	for wood lot	2.08.
"	other Lot Roberts & Wakefield	1.10.
"	Joseph Dearborn for possession	1.00.
"	paid Water power Company	1 00.
"	Cash to James Hunt in labour for cow	0.10.
"	J. K. Cole fence Board	0 12.
"	Some cut nails fence	0 01.
		5.41
"	paid for Cedar posts	.20
"	paid Wm. Smith dressing	.12
"	5 thousand Shingles	13 25
"	Nath Scammon Logs	6.74
"	Fairfield and Haines on surplus	24.39
"	Horse cart wheels	20.00
		637.38
August 1,	1840 paid to S. Batcheldor Water Power	100.00
Oct. 2d	paid Brunswick College A. Cole	41.26
"	paid for four Letter back & forth	00.40
	& one Single & one double letter " (is high)	00.30
Feby 1st	1841	
	paid toward meeting house	20.00
" 13th	Paid an assesment on water Power	25.00
May 10	paid E. B. Usher for Board	18.28
" 27th	" " " " " hemlock Boards	17.10
	paid about forty dollars more meetg	40.00
	paid out building Store	725.00
	paid to Moses Bradbury	100.00
		1724.72
Feby	paid R. Nichols water Power 25	
" 16th	" into Bank on note	50.00
1843		
March 25th	pd. Rumery for Hay	9.00.
	to Rev. Mr. Lord flour	1 00.
April 1st	pd. note to Dr. Bacon	38 00.
"	to vestry toward wood	1.00.
"	6 load of pine & Hemk	5.93.
"	to Moses for Shoes	1.00.
	Bushl of Rye	0.75.
	Sugar & Moleses	0.62
	Cheese	0.50
7th	100 of Stakes	1.50
	8 Gallons of Molases	1.84
	Smoking Hams	0.40
	apples of T. Cole	0.17
	postage for 6 month	1.17
	to Esq. Ward for Mirror	2.00
	Geo. Adams for hat	4.50
	Saml Tarbox paintg	1.25
	Andw Stackpole	2.00 at twice
	one pound of tea	0.50
April 22	6 lb. Sugar	0.50
	Coffe Rice &c.	0.64
	to Gillman for cow	20.00
		94.27

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		94.27
May	paid Phil Hains	31.00
	tax in part	23.70
	Carpet	23.80
	grafs Seed	4.37
	Sugar 14½ lbs.	1.00
	fence stakes & withs	0.83
	wood of T. Cole	0.55
		179.52